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in Viet Nam from July 1965 through January 1968



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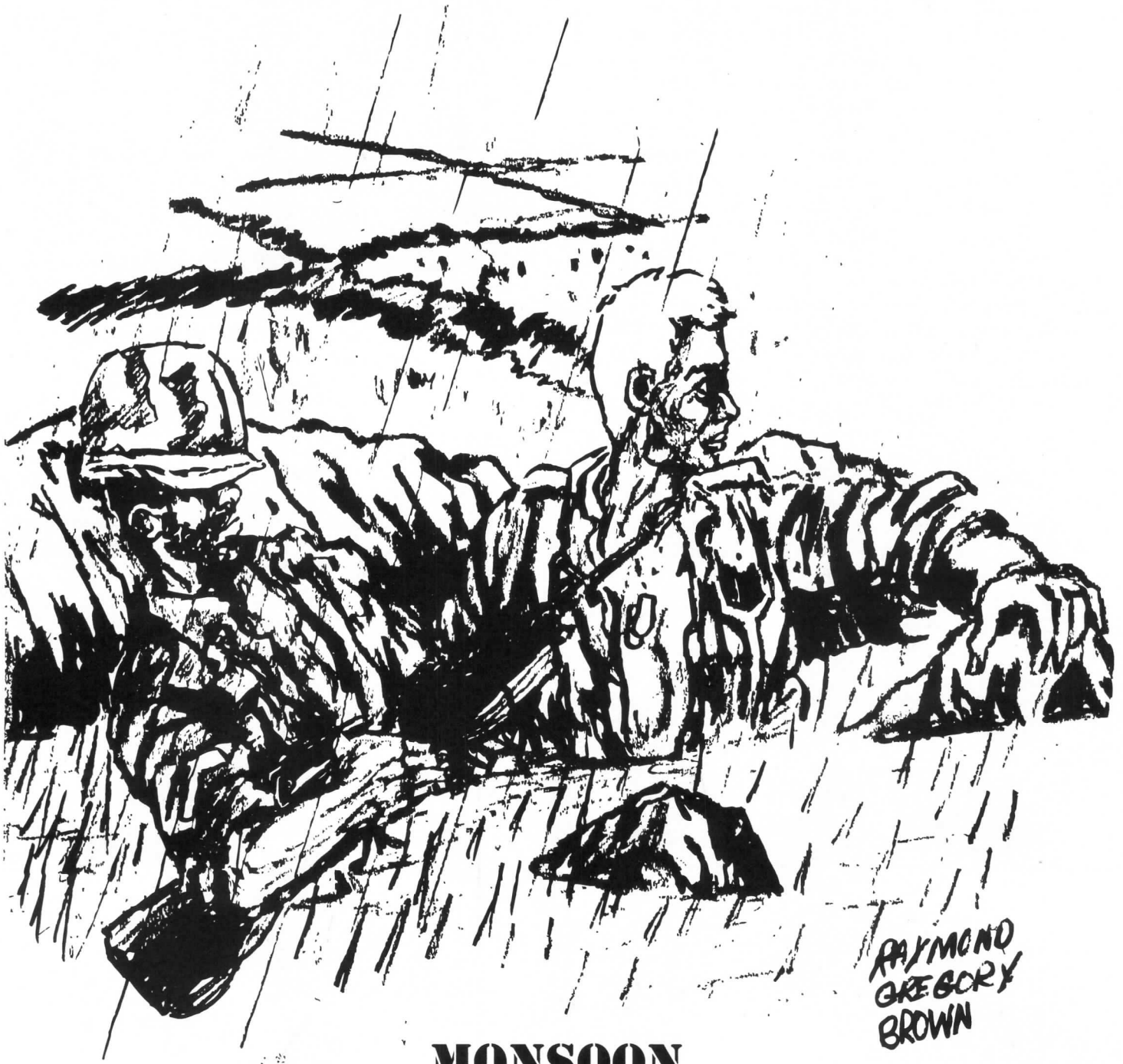
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# **The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade**



**MONSOON**

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and any other holiday that you celebrate this time of the year. And a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all who celebrate the New Year that is coming up on my calendar in a few days.

I have met with Fred Behrens, President of the Gen William C. Lee Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association. He and I agree that the chapter is prepared to host a great First Brigade (S) Reunion in Hampton, Virginia in 2008. Stay tuned for details.

I am processing a great deal of material that will appear in future magazines. I have an interesting folder from LTC(R) Charles T.(Tom) Furgeson, 2/327 A & HHC 5/66-5/67, with a great deal of new information (for me) about the Battle of Trung Luong. David P. Perrine, 2/502 HHC 5/67-10/67 has furnished me with a number of pages from PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES that will take some processing and will furnish material to go in future magazines. You can see in this magazine some of the material from the scrapbook loaned to me by COL(R) E. Wayne Dill, 1/327 A & C 3/66-3/67.

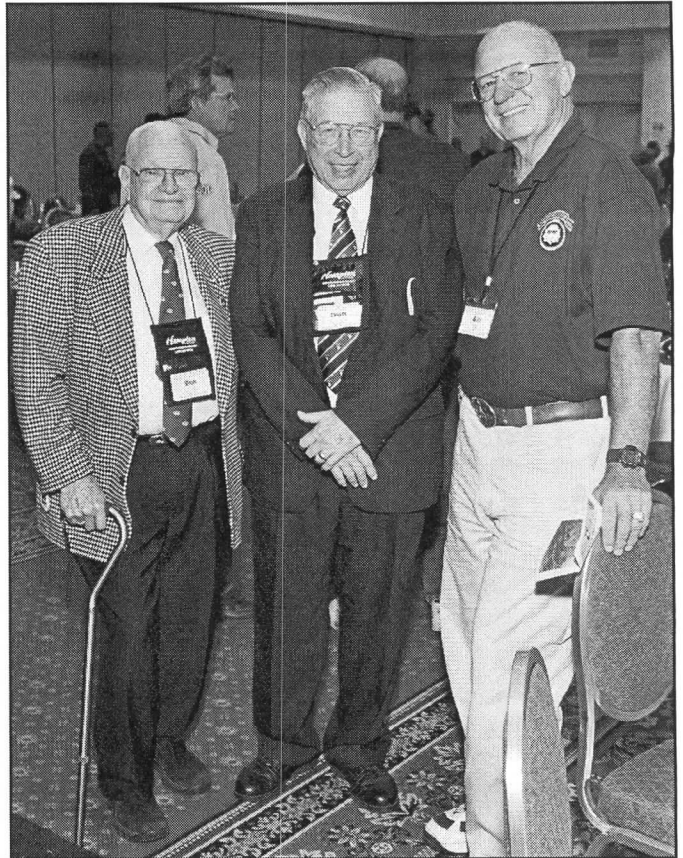
I look forward to seeing many of you who will attend the 101st Airborne Division Association Snow Bird Reunion in Orlando the first weekend in February. If you need information about the reunion contact Sam Bass using the information on page 36. Alton E. "Tony" Mabb, Jr., 2/502 Recon 70-71, who was our host and bartender in the hospitality room at the reunion will be doing his usual outstanding job in the Snow Bird Hospitality Room.

For those of you who attended the reunion and would like reunion caps and t-shirts, check the sales page and order form for particulars on cost and what is still in stock. A few copies of the 32 page color Reunion Memory Book are on hand. If you would like to have a Memory Book contact me.

I, again, wish to thank Tom Willard, 1/327 RECON Med 65-66, for being the only brigade author to sign books at the

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).



*Don Lassen, Editor and Publisher of THE STATIC LINE, Ivan Worrell (BDE HQ 5/66-5/67) Reunion Chairman and CHAP (COL) Ret. Bill W. Libby (2/502 HQ 67-68) after the Memorial Luncheon.  
[Robert Burleson photo]*

reunion. More about that in the April magazine.

I want to emphasize the fact that I am continually on a search for names and addresses of any veterans of the 1st Brigade (S) in Viet Nam. Send me information on any such veteran and I will give them an opportunity to subscribe to the magazine and most importantly will mail information about reunions and other events to them.

If you have photographs or other material from your tour in the First Brigade (S) send it to me and I will scan it and return it within 10 days.

Thank you for subscribing to the magazine. Your subscription makes the publication possible.

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is the artwork of  
Raymond Gregory Brown  
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# Tragedy, Heroics, Humor Touch 101st Troopers In Viet Nam War

*Infantry combat results in a multitude of experiences, many of which seem more strange than the fictional plots written about wars. Indeed, a book could be written about the emotions, experiences and reactions of each individual involved. These stories, relayed from Viet Nam through Ft. Campbell, are representative of the incidents affecting men of the 101st Airborne Division participating in the vicious fighting.*



Maco — "I was so scared even my whiskers turned gray," said Sgt. Fred Myers, 25, of Clarksville, Tenn., as he related the hair-raising tale of being surrounded by the VC for an entire night 40 miles northeast of Saigon.

Sgt. Myers and ten other Screaming Eagle Hatchetmen from the 502nd Infantry of the Army's 1st Battalion, 101st Airborne, were left behind by their unit to guard a large rice cache to prevent the VC from reclaiming it during the fight.

"We moved into position and set up two claymore mines around the cache and waited. At about 10 p.m. we heard twigs snapping and leaves rustling all around us and we knew the VC had us surrounded. Our noise discipline was perfect . . . it had to be, for if the VC knew our exact position, they could have lobbed grenades in on us and it would have been all over.

"The VC were starting to close in on us at about 10 p.m. so I detonated the clay-



mores and we opened up with everything we had for 15 seconds then stopped firing so that 'Charlie' wouldn't pinpoint our position. I didn't know how many we got and I wasn't about to go out and find out. Things were quiet for a while, but before long they started closing in again, so this time I called in artillery fire as close to our position as I dared.

"The enemy was so close to us that the artillery wasn't hurting them so I called in a flare ship over the radio by talking to the Air Force forward air controller, Viper 8, who was flying overhead in a light plane. The flare ship came over and dropped flares that illuminated the entire area around us and this kept Charlie from probing us the rest of the night. We were all greatly relieved to see the sun come up the next morning and as we were making our way back to our unit, one of the men remarked, 'I sure won't feel bad about collecting my combat pay this month'".



MACOI—"I know VC logisticians who are going to be real unhappy" spoke Lt. Col. Joseph B. Rogers, of Chicago, Ill., to his officers and senior non-commissioned officers at the conclusion of the day's operation.

The 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry of the Army's 101st Airborne Division, commanded by Col. Rogers, had just swept through a battalion size or larger VC training camp interwoven with an elaborate underground tunnel system some 30 miles northwest of Saigon.

The Screaming Eagles of the "Above the Rest" battalion demolished the VC structures and tunnels with a liberal application of plastic explosives and white phosphorous hand grenades. Thousands of pounds of rice were uncovered and destroyed.

This discovery of a VC camp was part of a five-day search and destroy operation called "Operation Checkerboard," conducted by elements of the 1st brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, that netted nearly 400 tons of rice, much of which was evacuated and redistributed. Thousands of rounds of small arms ammunition were recovered as well as thousands of rounds of 20mm ammunition, indicative of the stepped up efforts of the VC to build up their defense against fighter aircraft.

Included also in this large cache were Chinese Communist and Czech submachine

guns, Chinese carbines, American grenade launchers and hundreds of pounds of TNT, along with claymore mines, bangalore torpedoes, and explosive detonating devices.

The area cleared was the campsite of from one to two VC regiments or about 3,000 men. Many of the VC had fled just prior to the arrival of the paratroopers and evidenced by warm rice and fresh fish still on the smoldering fires.

A small VC hospital was overrun and a sizeable amount of modern medical supplies was confiscated. Fresh blood was found on the operating table showing tangible evidence of their brief engagement with the paratroopers and the continuous artillery bombardment they had been subjected to.

Of great significance was the recovery of complete set of medical records showing casualties sustained, names, ages, blood types of the wounded and the nature of their wounds for various VC units.

Five hundred VC uniforms were discovered and burned.



PHAN RANG—"This is Radio Hanoi. I have a flash for the boys of the "Screaming Eagles". Attention: 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. I am coming to dinner at the Brigade Mess Hall Christmas Eve. And guess who I'm having for dinner!"

With a statement "something" similar to that the beloved "Hanoi Hanna" spoke



over Radio Hanoi, and began her act. Dispensing advice on how to win the war by losing it, she spoke to her most "adhering" fans—the American GI's.

Hanna stands in the infamous tradition of Axis Sally and Tokyo Rose. Exclaiming to the listening world of the many American "invaders" the Viet Cong have killed—annihilated—massacred—(six infantry divisions since October by Hana's count—plus some odds and ends — that's about 90,000 men, not including the odds or the ends!) her news is so outlandish and preposterous as to be of great moral support to American troops.

Each evening about 6 P.M. she signs on and broadcasts in English. At An Ninh (where the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division fought on the 17th and 18th of September,) she was heard to say that 500 of the 101st's paratroopers had been annihilated in the action of the 17th and 18th. Funny thing is, only 204 men participated.

Only a week or so ago, Nanoi proclaimed a "truce" to be effective from 7 P.M. Christmas Eve to 7 A.M. Christmas Day.

A spokesman for the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, gave the following statement: "Hanoi Hana is cordially invited to come to Christmas Eve dinner at the Brigade Mess Hall. A warm reception will most certainly be ac-

corded her. As for who she will have for dinner, we don't know. We do know, however, who we will have for dessert if she does come!"

She failed to appear.



Phan Rang — "Swatter" is proving to be an increasingly effective deterrent against small unit Viet Cong efforts to overrun outposts in the Mekong Delta. This experimental weapon, ready for action around the clock, is a .50 caliber machine gun, door mounted in a UH-1D Helicopter of Company "A", 101st Aviation Battalion attached to the Delta Bn.

The first opportunity for action involving Swatter occurred recently when the Viet Cong made a daring daylight attack on a village 15 miles east of Soc Trang, home of the 101st. Aircraft commander Capt. William Thompson of Largo, Fla., and his alert crew responded to the villages appeal for help by proceeding immediately to the area and taking the enemy under fire.

Staff Sgt. Norman Vandal of Clarksville, Tennessee, went into action with "Swatter", destroying a .50 Caliber machine gun mounted on a roof top and killing 14 Viet Cong as they attempted to flee.

On Dec. 9, Swatter disrupted a mortar attack on an outpost 30 miles southeast of Can Tho. It also accounted for 7





Viet Cong killed and 14 wounded.

Two days later a Viet Cong company moved into a village 94 miles South of Saigon giving Swatter an opportunity to prove its worth again. Waiting for the cover of darkness, aircraft commander Capt. Robert Knight of Westbrook, Maine, and his crew departed for the village. Upon arrival Swatter was fired on by seven automatic weapons. The flash of the weapons provided the target for Swatter. Taking each under fire the aircraft remained over the area until fuel and ammo were expended. After several passes no further automatic fire was received. A large storage structure which was in the hands of the Viet Cong was burned to the ground by Swatter's flaming tracers.



Macoï—The Tiger Force of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, crept stealthily out beyond the battalion's perimeter to lie in wait for any VC that might pay a visit during the night.

The paratroopers of the "Above the Rest" battalion, had moved all day through VC territory 30 miles northeast of Saigon, encountering and destroying a large VC camp. Warm rice and fresh fish gave evidence that "Charlie" had been caught unaware and departed hurriedly.

The Screaming Eagles en-

camped in a rubber plantation and dug in deeply, knowing that a large VC element was close at hand. The Tiger force was given the task of setting up outside the perimeter to provide early warning.

The warning came at 2:30 a.m. Corporal Newton, the Artillery forward observer, reported that a large number of VC were moving towards them. He worked quickly figuring out the data to relay back to the 105mm howitzers of the 2nd battalion, 320th Artillery. The rounds had to come in on target with the first volley, for there might not be a second change.

Lt. Don. Korman, of Rochester, N.Y., picked up the fire request and fed the critical information to the guns. The Screaming Eagle artillerymen, several miles to the rear, listened intently to the elements of the first request from the lieutenant: "Ribbon Stuffer 3, this is 30, 'fire mission', coordinates 602447, azimuth 5800, two VC companies moving towards us; fuze, variable time, I will adjust." And with a note of urgency he added, "please hurry."

The information was quickly converted to settings of elevation and direction to orient the howitzers toward the target. The seconds dragged by slowly as the artillery men aimed the guns properly and slammed projectiles into breeches. Finally the big guns roared.

The men up front dug in under the rubber trees heard the ominous yet reassuring "whoosh" as the artillery shells flew overhead on the

way to greet the unsuspecting enemy. The radio transmitting mechanism in the nose of the shells caused the shells to explode sixty feet in the air to provide the best shrapnel effect. Thirty - six shells traveled to the target and the quiet night erupted with deadly flashing airbursts.

Lt. Korman quickly checked with Cpl. Newton to ascertain the effect of the projectiles.

"Right on target," came the reply. "Did we get the devils," returned an anxious voice. "I don't know sir, I didn't see them go down but I can hear them screaming and moaning."

At regular intervals during the night, shells were fired into the same area to keep "Charlie" from carrying away their dead as has always been his practice.

At first light the following day, the Tiger force moved to the scene of the screams. There wasn't a body to be found. Once again the foe had demonstrated that they are highly disciplined troops, for they had carried all their dead and wounded away beneath the continuous artillery fire.



Viet. Nam—One sure-fire way not to win friends and influence people is to go around yanking live grenades out of the ground.

But that's just what Sergeant Garreth Widger, of Renton, Wash., from Co. A, 326th Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division has been doing.

While tracing down a demoli-

tion wire buried in the ground, the engineers with him were aghast to see Sergeant Widger pull up, along with the wire, a fragmentation grenade, thoughtfully left by the Viet Cong.

Reacting to the situation, the sergeant reached out and quickly snatched the grenade, preventing the lever from flying off and detonating the grenade.

"Hey, look what I found," Sergeant Widger said, turning to find he was talking to a group of trees.

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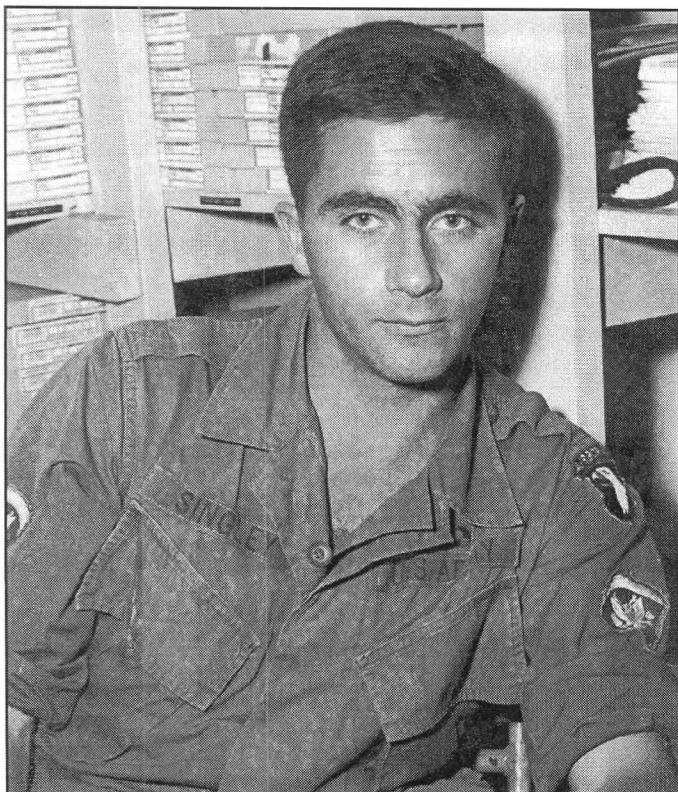
(AP) Wirephoto  
**WOUNDED . . .** Ronald Nessen, correspondent for the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) was wounded Tuesday in the central Viet Nam highlands. He was on an operation with the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division when he was struck in the chest by a grenade fragment. Nessen underwent surgery and his condition was reported satisfactory.

*From the scrapbook of COL(R) E. Wayne Dill  
(11327 A & C 3166-3167).*

# William P. Singley

Author of

# BRAGG



*William P. Singley (BDE HQ PIO)  
in Phan Rang photo lab Nov '67 (?)*

Dear Major Worrell;

John Yeager spoke to you at the Brigade reunion and he told me you would like to know more about the book I just published entitled **Bragg**. I will enclose some information and a sample ad I would place in the Screaming Eagle. **Bragg**, of course, is about the 82nd and 504th during the late Fifties. But any paratrooper would be interested. You won't remember this, but on my first air assault (I had been in country three weeks) you took me to the marshalling area and rode the chopper with me. I jumped out and linked up with a company. Man, was I scared. The LZ wasn't hot, but I didn't know that going in. I've never forgotten that.

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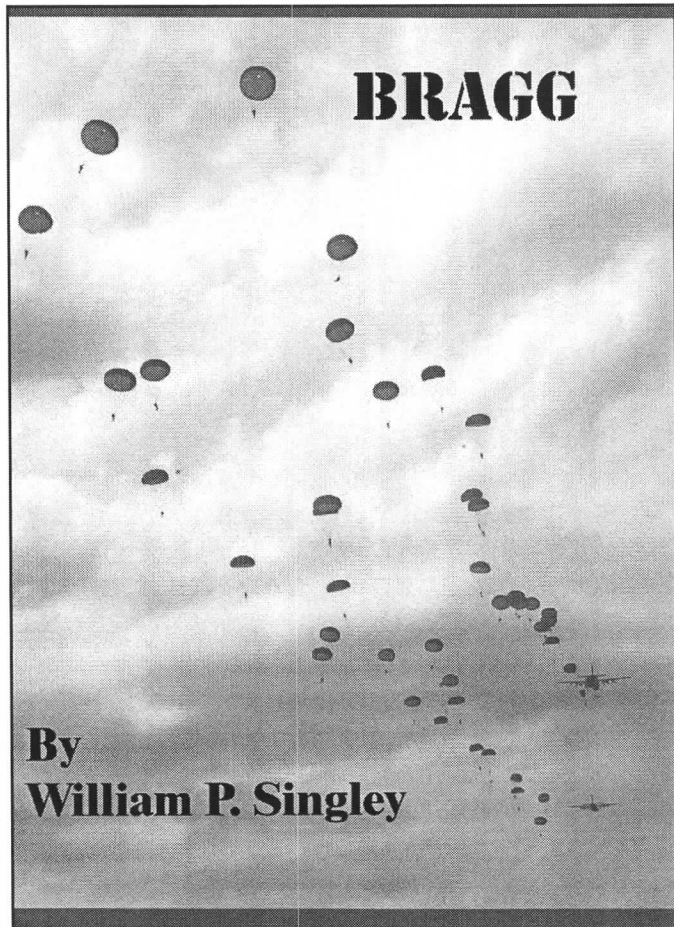
For a copy of **Bragg** contact: [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com) or contact your local bookseller or on-line retailer.

*Editor's Note: It was great to hear from Bill. I hope he will become a contributor to the magazine.*

# BRAGG

## SYNOPSIS

*Bragg* offers a vivid portrait of the peacetime Army of the late Fifties. The draft was still in effect and the military a genuine melting pot. *Bragg* bridges the gap between WWII, Korea, and Vietnam; it focuses on a man's ability to endure tough situations and enjoy life when opportunity allows. The novel is the first ever using the framework of a spit & polish airborne regiment. The main story follows a Jewish second lieutenant trying to succeed in a strict, no nonsense volunteer airborne regiment. As Lt. Margolin's Uncle Ziggy asked when the lieutenant changed his assignment from NATO to the paratroopers, "Why jump out of a perfectly good airplane?" Margolin often asks himself that as he battles the strict traditions and anti-Semitism of the military. The odd thing is Margolin enjoys what he is doing even though there isn't a good deli nearby. It is a far different world than he knew in San Fernando Valley, but he is doing what he wants to do, not what his family expected and he is surrounded by interesting people: Sgt Wisnewski who teaches him to soldier. The rugged Colonel Steele who has his own secrets challenges him. Capt Melby, the WAC nurse, warns Margolin about the military; it is a machine

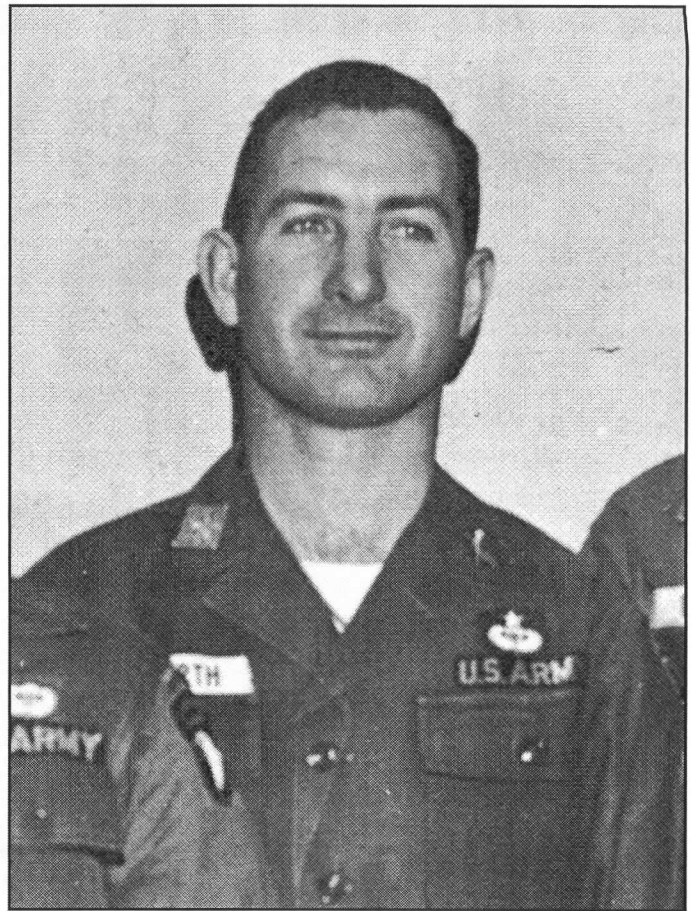




designed to kill. The enlisted men's lives in Margolin's company revolve around PFCs Patterson and Breslin as they stand against authority and learn life's hard lessons. Sometimes too hard as the dramatic tragedy unfolds with Breslin caught in his harness during a jump and a futile rescue attempt by Margolin. There are moments of great humor in *Bragg*; Margolin and Steele brawl in the Officer's Club, the enlisted men outsmart the maniacal first sergeant every chance they get and enjoy the off-post bars where they find passionate love with Terri, the Madonna of Combat Alley. Their pal, Hollywood Jack Schmidt, turns his nose up at the system and beats it while PFC Motz joins the system and can't wait for a shooting war. Numerous other colorful characters fill the pages: Sydney the Cook, an evil man, loves jumping from planes and jumping married women. Supply Sergeant Webster is a Jamaican as black as burnt teak who quotes Kipling and, along with Margolin, helps Patterson endure the system. PFC Banuelous is street tough and the Don Juan of all the honky-tonks. There is even a cameo of James Jones' Sergeant Warden of *From Here To Eternity*. Together, they make up an entertaining and unique story about innocence; an *American Graffiti* in khaki and jump boots. The tragedy of Vietnam waits; some of them will go home and others will satisfy their dreams of battlefield. In the end readers will experience a vanished part of American life, meet some unusual personalities, endure spine-chilling adventure, and discover places they never knew existed.



1st Brigade Headquarters in Phan Rang 1967 — SP5 William P. Singleton (BDE HQ PIO) and SP4 Dale Edwards.



Major David Hackworth from a 1st Brigade staff photo taken at Fort Campbell before the brigade deployed to Viet Nam.

*Editor's Note: The following information about the Silver Star and COL (R) David Hackworth (1/327 HQ 63-66) was published in The Army Times November 27, 2006 issue on page 50 in the DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY weekly feature.*

## SILVER STAR

"Since its emergence as a full-sized medal in 1932, thousands of Silver Stars have been awarded to soldiers.

The record for the most Silver Stars goes to Col. David Hackworth, who received 10.

Hackworth, who died of cancer in 2005 at age 74, received his first Silver Star as an enlisted soldier in Korea in 1951. Commissioned shortly thereafter, Hackworth was awarded a second Silver Star in August 1951 and a third in January 1952.

Almost 15 years later, in March 1966, Hackworth, then a major, was awarded his fourth Silver Star in Vietnam. His fifth award was presented to him a few months later. Returning to Vietnam as a battalion commander in 1969, then-Lt. Col. Hackworth received five more Silver Stars between February and May 1969 – a remarkable feat.

Today, the Silver Star remains an extremely prestigious award, prized by soldiers who receive it."

# RANGER HALL OF FAME



**LIEUTENANT JAMES A. GARDNER**

First Lieutenant James A. Gardner is inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. 1LT Gardner's recon platoon was advancing to relieve a company of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry that had been pinned down by a numerically superior enemy force in the village of My Canh, Vietnam. The enemy occupied a series of strongly fortified bunker positions which were mutually supporting and expertly concealed. The approaches to the position were well covered by automatic weapons, machineguns and mortars. Air strikes and artillery placed on the fortifications had little effect. 1LT Gardner's platoon was to relieve the friendly company by encircling and destroying the enemy force. Even as the platoon moved to begin the attack, the enemy fire intensified. Leading the assault and disregarding his own safety, 1LT Gardner charged through a withering hail of fire across an open rice paddy. On reaching the first bunker he destroyed it with a grenade and dashed to the second bunker and eliminated it by tossing another grenade inside. Then, crawling swiftly along the dike of a rice paddy, he reached the third bunker. Before he could arm a grenade, the enemy gunner leaped forth, firing at him. 1LT Gardner instantly returned fire and killed the enemy gunner at a distance of 6 feet. Following the seizure of the main enemy position, he reorganized the platoon to continue the attack. Advancing to the new assault position, the platoon was pinned down by an enemy machinegun emplaced in a fortified bunker. He immediately collected several grenades and charged the enemy position, firing his rifle as he advanced to neutralize the defenders. He dropped a grenade into the bunker and vaulted beyond. Rolling into a ditch to gain cover, he moved toward the new source of fire. He leaped from the ditch and advanced with a grenade in one hand and firing his rifle with the other. He was gravely wounded just before he reached the bunker, but with a last valiant effort he staggered forward and destroyed the bunker, and its defenders with a grenade. Although he fell dead February 7, 1966 on the rim of the bunker, his extraordinary actions so inspired his men that they resumed the attack and completely routed the enemy. 1LT Gardner earned the Medal of Honor that day and inculcated the Ranger spirit in the men he saved and the enemies that he killed.



1st LIEUTENANT JAMES A. GARDNER who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on February 7, 1966 has been inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. He was one of the inductees at the 14th Annual induction on June 29, 2006 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65, represented the family at the ceremony. A marker to permanently memorialize Lieutenant Gardner was purchased by United States District Judge G. Mallon Faircloth whose brother Johnnie 2/502 was Killed in Action September 18, 1965 at An Ninh.

Tim Swain serves as Central Regional Director of the Ranger Association. Judge Faircloth has written a very good and interesting book about the battle of An Ninh titled BEHIND THE NAMES. Information about the book was featured on page 30 of the July 2004 magazine. To obtain a copy of the book contact Judge G. Mallon Faircloth, United States District Court, P.O. Box 117, Columbus, GA 31902-0117 and send a \$10.00 check made payable to the VVA Scholarship Fund.

The Ranger Hall of Fame was formed to honor and preserve the spirit and contributions of America's most extraordinary



Rangers. The members of the Ranger Hall of Fame Selection Board take particular care to ensure that only the most extraordinary Rangers are inducted, a difficult mission given the high caliber of all nominees. Their precepts are impartiality, fairness and scrutiny.

Inductees were selected impartially from Ranger units and associations representing each era or Ranger history. Each nominee was subjected to the scrutiny of the Selection Board to ensure the most extraordinary contributions are acknowledged.

Selection criteria is as unique as our Ranger history. To be eligible for selection to the Hall of Fame, a person must be deceased or have been separated, or retired from active military service for at least three years at the time of nomination. He must have served in a Ranger unit in combat or be a successful graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School. A Ranger unit is defined as those Army units recognized in Ranger lineage or history. Achievement or service may be considered for individuals in a position in state or national government after the Ranger has departed the Armed Forces.



SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1966

HEMPHILL IN VIET NAM

# Troopers' Motto: 'All the Way, Sir!'

By PAUL HEMPHILL

Atlanta Journal Constitution

DAK TO, South Viet Nam, June 18—The big guns 30 yards up the hill behind them were tearing the air every five or six seconds, but the men did not pay attention to them because they have gotten used to that lately. They were tired, bone tired, right down to their toes. They sat on the dusty ground on the side of the hill, and their fatigues and their helmets and their packs and their rifles were covered with sweat and red dust, and no matter how bad it was they knew that at least they were lucky to be there. A lot of their buddies weren't.



Paul Hemphill

It was 1 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon. Back home, in the States, it was around midnight Saturday night and everybody was either already asleep or else driving home from a party somewhere. The men of the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, had run head-on into at least a regiment of polished North Vietnamese troops in these valleys and steep ridges in the central highlands, and although they had taken heavy casualties they had also hung in there and given it back to the enemy. And now, after three days of fighting day and night, they were stopping long enough for Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Viet Nam, to come and see them.

**THE GENERAL** should be coming in a chopper any minute. Sgt. Maj. John H. Bittoria of Columbus, Ga., told the men to give him their attention for a minute. He put one foot on the temporary pedestal, made by stacking six crates used to pack 105-mm. howitzer shells.

"When Gen. Westmoreland steps up here," Sgt. Maj. Bittoria told them, "I want you to shout, 'All the way, sir.' Okay, we'll try it one time."

Bittoria backed off, then stepped back onto the crates. "All the way, sir!" the men chanted.

"Good. Now just sit loose. The general should be here any minute."

Capt. Earnest W. Dill was as tired as anybody. He stood off to the side, behind the homemade pedestal, and the sweat trickled out of his helmet and down his nose and his cheeks and then slid beneath his beard. He had an M16 rifle slung over his right shoulder and a pack on his back. He said he is from East Point, Ga., went to school at Georgia Military Academy and North Georgia College, that he is commander of Charlie Company, 1st of the 327th, and that his wife and 2-year-old son are living in Columbus while he is over here.

"WHEN DID your guys get hit? Thursday?"  
 "I don't know, I've kinda lost my days," Capt. Dill said.  
 "What's today?"  
 "Let's see. Day before yesterday. Friday. Friday, about noon."  
 "You hit pretty hard?" he was asked.



Associated Press Wirephoto

GEN. WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND  
 'All the Way, Sir,' for the Commander

"Four killed and 10 wounded. It was pretty rough, but we killed 80. Actual body count was 50, but I know we got 80." Dill wiped the sweat from his forehead. His fatigue shirt was already caked with dust turned to mud from wiping the sweat. He had been in Viet Nam for three months, and except for three days at the 101st base camp at Phan Rang and two weeks in the hospital with malaria, he has spent all of his time

commanding a company in the field. "The only relaxing time I've had was when I was in the hospital," he said.

"What next?"

"Tomorrow we'll go in looking for 'em. I think they're gonna throw some artillery and air strikes at 'em tonight."  
 "How many you figure are in there?"

"I DON'T KNOW, maybe as many as 1,500. PAVN (North Vietnamese), the best they've got. They're good soldiers. They get deep in these holes and they don't shoot unless they know they're gonna kill you."

Dill was looking down a winding dirt road which comes out of the long valley into the artillery position.

"Are you men in this group?" he was asked.

"No. They're on the way in, marching. They'll be here in about 45 minutes."

"You must be proud of 'em."

"Yep. The Fighting One-Hundred. A little less than that right now. But there's gonna be a lot of awards come out of this one."

Gen. Westmoreland had flown up from Saigon to see his old outfit. He led the 101st into Europe on D-Day. He was proud of this new breed, and he wanted to let them know it. His helicopter stirred the dust on the road and finally came to rest. The men watched as he was saluted, and then he strode quickly toward them and the men filled their lungs as he took a step toward the pedestal.

"ALL THE WAY, SIR!" they roared to him.

Westmoreland grinned and stuck out his famous chest and put his hands on his hips and roared back: "Men, you took the words right out of my mouth."

Then he was brief and to the point. "You've lived up to your reputation, and you know what I think of this outfit. I appreciate it. . . . You have taken heavy casualties, but you have inflicted heavy punishment on the enemy. For every one of your men, you have killed 10 of the enemy. . . ."

The big guns had halted their firing for two minutes so the general could talk. Tired as they were, the men hung on every word. This was a good, corny, old-fashioned locker-room pep talk.

"Let me ask you a question," Westmoreland said. "What is your motto?"

"All-the-way-sir!"

Tomorrow, they would try to do exactly that.

From the scrapbook of COL(R) E. Wayne Dill  
 (1/327 A & C 3/66-3/67).



# When You Hear The Bugle Call

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## When You Hear The Bugle Call: Battling PTSD and the Unraveling of the American Conscience

by Peter Griffin

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Tormented by PTSD? This book literally grabs the Grim Reaper's sickle to shake the hell out of him! Latch on, fight back, *redirect the flames...* burn him for a change!

### About the Book

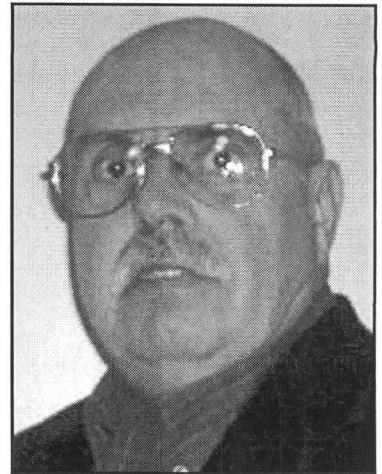
**When You Hear The Bugle Call** subtitled, "**Battling PTSD and the Unraveling of the American Conscience**" is a compelling, poignant and straightforward presentation of sickness and healing, righteousness opposing wrong doing, and the eventual triumph of the human spirit despite overwhelming obstacles and barriers. This very personal account of war and its aftermath was written to benefit combat veterans agonized by severe and chronic Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), composed by one who is living the nightmare, one of their own, a fellow warrior. In the broader scope, this account is meant to help them, and their friends and loved ones to better understand this overwhelming psychological, involuntary, and innate response to continual, life threatening situations. This book will bring them to the realization that they are not alone in their sufferings, help is as close as the nearest Veterans Administration Medical Center and any caring individual who has read and benefited from the pages of this presentation.

Furthermore, it is meant to assist, comfort, understand and equally as important, accept those who gave their best to defend and protect us. It's not only the GI I am talking about but also the police officer, the fireman, and the rescue personnel... all those who are "damned if they do and damned if they don't!" All the brave men and women who place their lives in jeopardy, everyday, for the sake of others... for the sake of something bigger than self! This presentation addresses every symptom, obstacle or negative circumstance a PTSD victim will likely experience or encounter, and must overcome, if he or she expects some semblance of peace, love, success, respect, and dignity in their lives!

Victims of terror and natural disasters will benefit from this writing as well. In my opinion there is little, if any, significant difference between combat PTSD and PTSD manifested as a result of traumatic events that occur in the "civilian" world.



This work is not an ordinary, run of the mill "shoot 'em up" military memoir! PTSD negatively impacts every interpersonal relationship! This book clearly and frankly relates, in vivid detail, how PTSD affects victims in the work place and social settings. In today's fast paced, very competitive, high stress work-a-day world virtually every victim's well being, employment and/or career is at risk. There are no immunities or safe harbors! This account addresses those many complex issues and more! All who read this narrative will profit from its message! Spouses, grown children, friends, relatives, employers, supervisors, human resource managers, co-workers and the general public will benefit from first hand knowledge and look with newfound compassion and understanding on those who defend(ed) their life, limbs and freedoms on a daily basis.



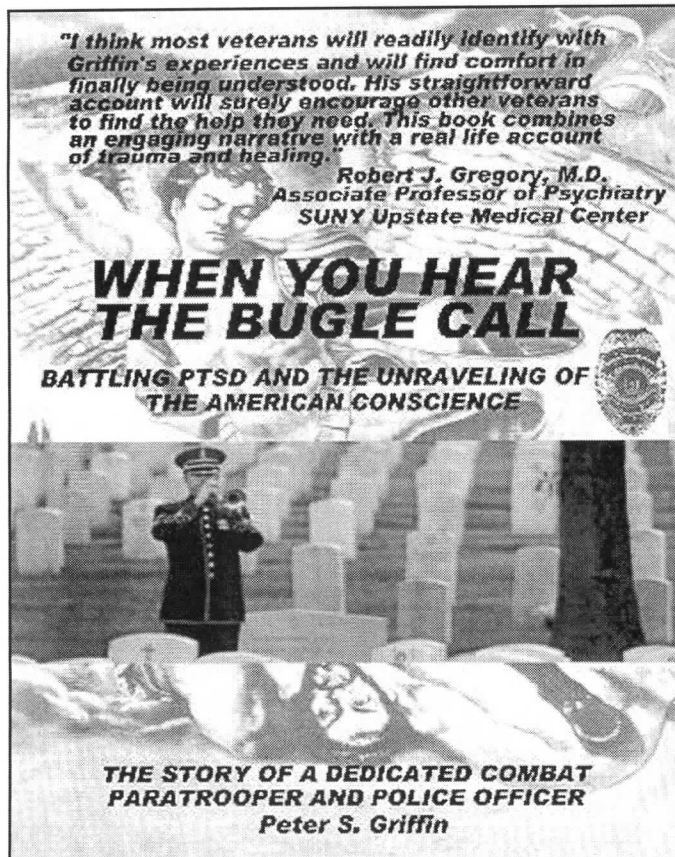
Peter Griffin

### About the Author

Peter S. Griffin, "Grif" enlisted in the U.S. Army on 13 March 1964 and was honorably discharged on 10 March 1967. His unit assignments were Company A, 2/502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division and Company C, 2/505th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division. On Memorial Day weekend, 1998, he was inducted into the 502nd Infantry Distinguished Members of the Regiment, Hall of Fame, in a ceremony at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. He served on the 101st Airborne Association, Fort Campbell, Kentucky Monument Committee, helping to establish a Division Monument to honor all Screaming Eagles, past, present and future. He is a "Boat Person," arriving in Viet Nam on board the "U.S.N.S. GENERAL LEROY ELTINGE," 29 July 1965. (The 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne operated separately until 1968, when the rest of the division arrived. It was the last all paratrooper unit of the 101st to engage an enemy on the battlefield.)

After discharge he attended the Police Academy at Syracuse, New York and served as a Police Officer in Oswego, New York from 1968-78. He also attended the State University of New York (SUNY) @ Oswego, completing several public justice, psychology, sociology and civil liberty courses.

His military decorations include: the Viet Nam Service Medal with two bronze battle stars, the Silver Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal with device (1960), the Republic of Viet Nam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Presidential Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Valorous



Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Parachute Badge, the Army Republic of Vietnam Paratrooper Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Recondo Patch, the National Defense Service Medal and the Expert Rifleman Badge. He recently received the Conspicuous Service Star with three accoutrements and the Conspicuous Service Cross from the Governor of the State of New York for his patriotic service. "Grif" married Brenda Gibson in 1967. They are blessed with daughter Pamela, and son, Brent. They are the proud grandparents of three lovely granddaughters Emilie, Meaghan, and Georgia, as well as grandson, Connor. Pete and Brenda have resided in The Great State of North Carolina for the past 28 years. "Grif" enjoys helping other disabled veterans and their loved ones. His interests include American history - especially the Civil War, collecting antiques, refinishing old furniture, spending time with his dogs, mountain trout fishing, writing, maintaining his website ("Griffin's Lair") and coin collecting. He published a poetry anthology, *Thoughts, Memories and Tears*, in 1999. His writings have appeared in several military magazines and newspapers including "The Screaming Eagle," "The First Screaming Eagles In Vietnam," "The Airborne Quarterly" and the "101st Airborne" (2nd edition) by Turner Publishing Company.

*Editor's Note: I have not seen the finished product but have read some of the initial manuscripts and can attest that Peter Griffin (21502 A 9164-6/66) has an interesting and compelling story to tell.*



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
 HEADQUARTERS, 2ND BATTALION 320TH ARTILLERY  
 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division  
 APO San Francisco, California 96347

O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N J-O-H-N P-A-U-L J-O-N-E-S  
 (21 July to 5 September)

After a smooth and rapid out loading at Dak To the brigade moved into Tuy Hoa South Field on 21 July. The brigade mission included search and destroy operations, road clearing of Highway 1, security of key terrain and installations, defense of Tuy Hoa South Airfield Complex, deployment of an immediate action force as the IFFORCEV Reserve, and protection of civilians in the initial stages of the rice harvest.

After arriving in Tuy Hoa, all firing batteries and the battalion FDC immediately displaced to the Vung Ro Bay Area in support of the brigade mission of securing the bay area to permit construction of facilities and the opening of Highway I as a land line of communication for forces in the Tuy Hoa Valley. During the three phase operation the battalion was employed over an extended front of approximately 70 miles from the Kilo Valley south to Ninh Hoa. The artillery made 27 displacements, firing 4,227 missions and expending 20,429 rounds. The 2/320th Artillery was credited with 2 VC Killed in Action (Body Count), 18 VC Killed In Action (Estimated), 133 VC Wounded In Action (Estimated), 1 machine gun captured and 1 hut destroyed. During John Paul Jones, two artillerymen were killed. Sgt Gary Sergeant was killed on 12 August in a muzzle blast accident at Battery B 2/320th Artillery and PFC Conrad, Battery A was killed on 4 September while on a patrol around the battery perimeter.



**Well Sir—I figgured the best way to catch the guy wot was stealin' our beer would be to set up a booby trap!**

*This cartoon from The Army Digest, Humor in Army Green. "UP COUNTRY" by SP6 Bill Dolan.*

## Randall L. Silva

1/327 C 67

~Silver Star wounds lifelong  
LONG BEACH PRESS TELEGRAM  
By Joe Segura, Staff writer

Article Launched: 10/10/2006 - When Randall Lee Silva's youthful body was mangled by enemy fire in Vietnam while saving his commanding officer; he shrugged it off as a rough day at work.

But the nation knew better and the Long Beach native was awarded the Silver Star - the country's third-highest medal for gallantry.

His sudden death last Friday at age 58, however, has hit his friends and family doubly hard because the funeral expenses are about \$1,700 - money they don't have.

Silva was born Nov. 13, 1947, at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, the third youngest of five boys and a girl of Frank "Jose" and Clara Silva. He attended Stephens Junior High and graduated from Poly High School in 1965.

The Vietnam conflict began to flare up and Silva enlisted in the U.S. Army.

In January 1967, Silva was assigned to the Army's Co. C, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

After a few months in the thick jungles, he suffered an infected wound, which confined him to a South Vietnam hospital for about a month.

He was released from the hospital Aug. 14 and reassigned to his unit.

Four days later, Silva and his platoon were ambushed by Viet Cong guerrillas. He was wounded three times: One bullet ripped through his left hip, a second tore into his stomach and another into his back.

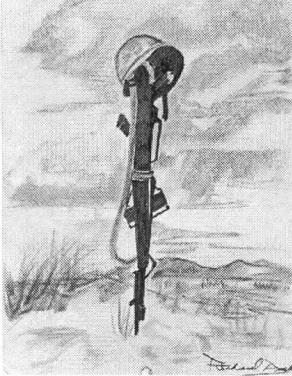
In May 1968, he told a **Press-Telegram** reporter that he remembered very little about that day: "You kind of get all frightened and lose track of what's going on."

His medal award letter tells this story:

"For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 18 August 1967 in the vicinity of Chu Lai. ... Silva distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions when his fire team was deployed to cover for the platoon. ... Silva, a grenadier, moved forward through intense enemy fire to where his fire team was pinned down and began placing effective suppressive fire on the enemy."

"He then instructed the fire team leader to link up with the rest of the platoon and he would cover them. As they were withdrawing, Silva was seriously wounded. The team leader returned to help him. Both men decided to withdraw, but Silva was unable to walk, so the fire team leader hoisted him on his back and began carrying him to safety."

## OBITUARIES



"While being carried, Silva continued to place suppressive fire on the enemy with the fire team leader's rifle."

Silva had to undergo 14 hip transplants, because of various problems - from metal hips that were too cold during the winter to plastic hips that melted during the summer, causing the wounded warrior to lean.

The hip problem was eventually fixed, but the former Poly long-distance track runner had problems getting about.

"When he came back, he couldn't run around the corner," brother Frank Silva said.

While the injuries limited Silva's activities, he kept active with Purple Heart associations and 101st Airborne reunions.

Silva was pleased at the opportunities to tell his war stories to youngsters - and there were no regrets about the experiences on the battlefield or operating tables, family said.

"He wasn't bitter about it," said cousin Tony Silva.

Along with the Silver Star, Silva was given a key to the city of Long Beach and named Boy of the Year in 1968 by the West Long Beach Lions Club - when he was still recuperating in a Vietnam hospital.

Silva is survived by his father, Frank Silva, and brother Fidel, both of New Mexico; and brother Frank and half-sister Jodi Silva, both of Long Beach, and brother Carlos Silva of Nevada.

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MAJ(R) Walter W. Jackson, 1/327 C 7/67-6/68  
<[thejackson511@msn.com](mailto:thejackson511@msn.com)> wrote:

Ivan,

Randy was severely wounded on the 18th of August 1967 when C Company made a combat assault from the Chu Lai airbase into the mountains to the west. It was a fairly long flight as I recall. Our company (C Co) made contact going up a trail and if my memory serves correctly the Air Force dropped

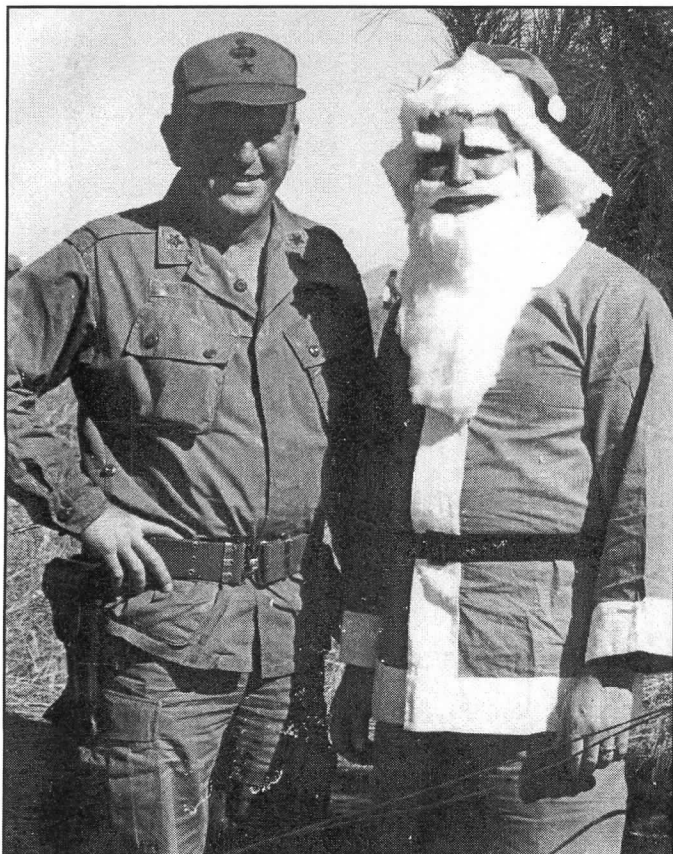


Randall Silva, left, in Vietnam, was awarded the Silver Star for actions that saved his commanding officer. A Poly High graduate, he died Friday at 58. (Courtesy photo)



Napalm on the 4th Platoon. Several soldiers were burned by the napalm who were in Weapons Platoon. Tom Kinane (Thomas Kinane, 1/327 C 4/67-12/68) was the Platoon Leader and Roger John (Roger M. John, 1/327 C 7/67-12/68) was our Company Commander. I think this was the same day. They both subscribe to the Brigade Magazine as does Bernie McCabe (COL(R) Bernard J. McCabe, Jr., 1/327 C 6/67-12/69) who lives in Houston, TX. We made contact-again-up by a rock wall and that is where Randy was wounded by a North Vietnamese soldier. Gunshot wound. Lt (Stephen W.) Davis, (SP4) Marvin D. Buckridge, and Sgt (SSG Fred W.) Mitchell were killed at the apex of the wall. (PFC David P.) Wernet, (PFC Thomas R.) Kelly and our Platoon medic (PFC Larry J.) Orosco were killed on the other side of the wall. (Sp4) Dennis D. Mattheis died of his wounds several days later (8/26/67). We had a lot of soldiers wounded that day who weren't able to be medevacted until the night. Randy was one of them. Lt (COL(R) Harry Stevenson, 1/327 C 67-68) Stevenson was also wounded that day and medevacted that evening. He was Randy's/my platoon leader. I stopped by the small town of Cresco, Iowa this summer and Dennis Mattheis is memorialized on the County Memorial. Randy became a member of the 101st Division Assn in 1999 and attended his first reunion in Hampton. He never missed one since then and was in attendance at Minneapolis. You met him. Purple Heart hat with a Silver Star on it. He was a good "Cuthroat" and will be missed.

*Editor's note: Randy Silva is in my database as a prospect. He was never a subscriber.*



*Dec 1967 MG S.H. Matheson (CG 1st Brigade 1/66-1/67) met with Santa.*

*(From the COL(R) Edwin P. "Ted" Geesey (HHC 5/67-5/68) collection.*

## LATE NEWS

Gen. Pearson receives  
COMUSMACV Message.

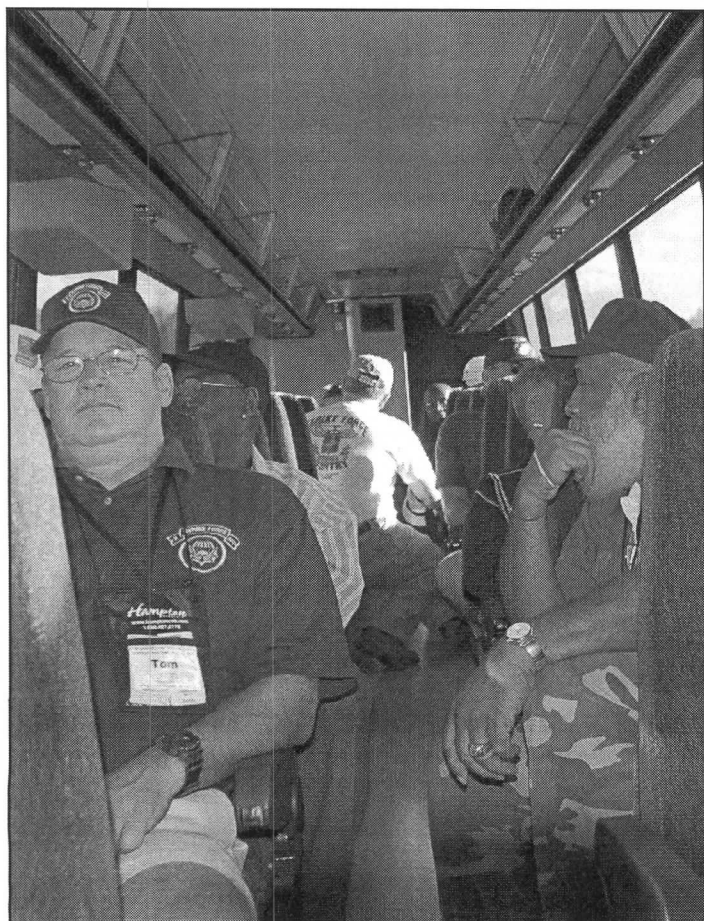
Brig. Gen. Willard Pearson, CG, 1st Bde received the following message from General Westmoreland: "Gratifying results of operations conducted by your units during my absence in Honolulu are indicative of a high degree of professionalism and fighting affectiveness.

The thorough planning, close coordination, and aggressive execution which were evident in these operations are a tribute to you and to all your officers and men. My heartiest congratulations."

While the message was addressed to Gen. Pearson, as commander, he passed it on with these words: "It is you the troopers of the "Always First" brigade who earned this commendation. My sincere congratulations for adding another page to the combat record of the 101st Airborne Division. Each of you can take pride in your contribution to our Brigade's splendid performance during Operation Van Buren." Gen. Pearson emphasized that the success of any and all operations depends on the individual trooper's will to win. Gen. Pearson added, "our comrades at Ft. Campbell, our families, friends and the combat veterans of Normandy and Bastogne will note your achievements in Vietnam with pleasure, pride, and gratitude." The Screaming Eagle in this issue has tried to do just that in saluting the men of the 1st Bde, 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam.

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Tom McMullan (2/502 B 6/65-5/66) on the bus to Fort Benning. [Ivan Worrell photo]

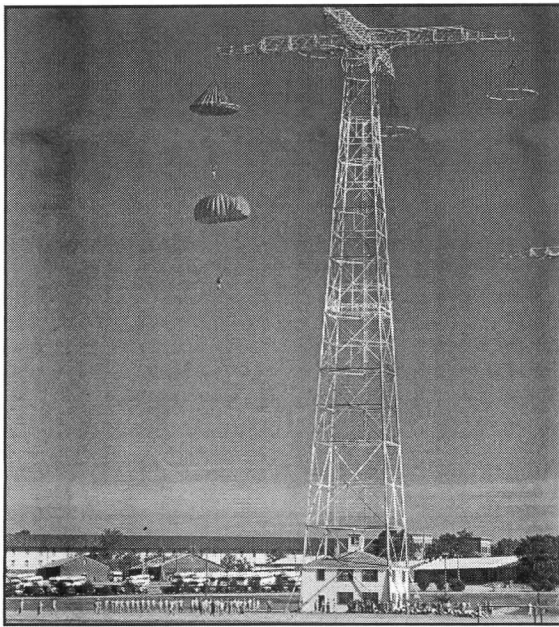


34 foot tower at Fort Benning. [Robert Burleson photo]

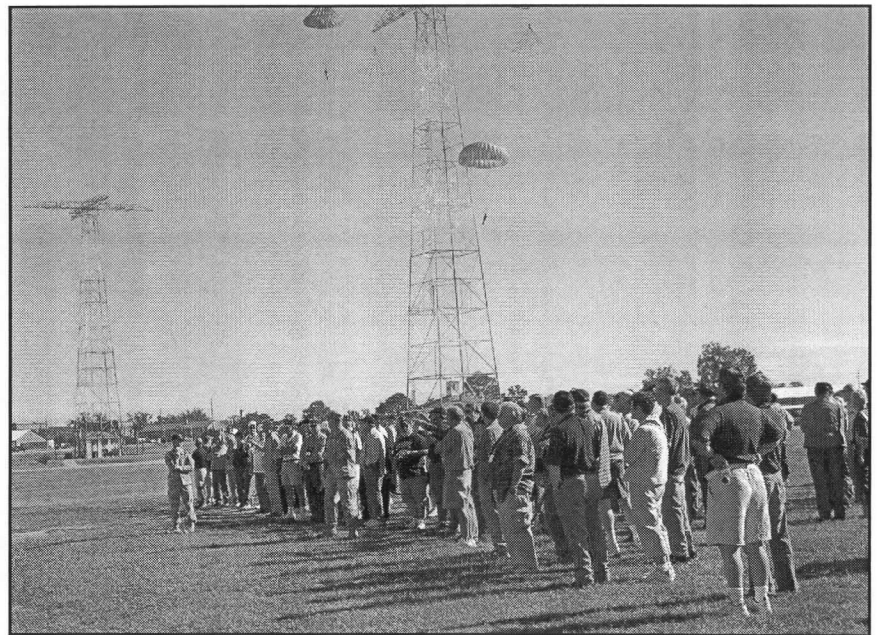




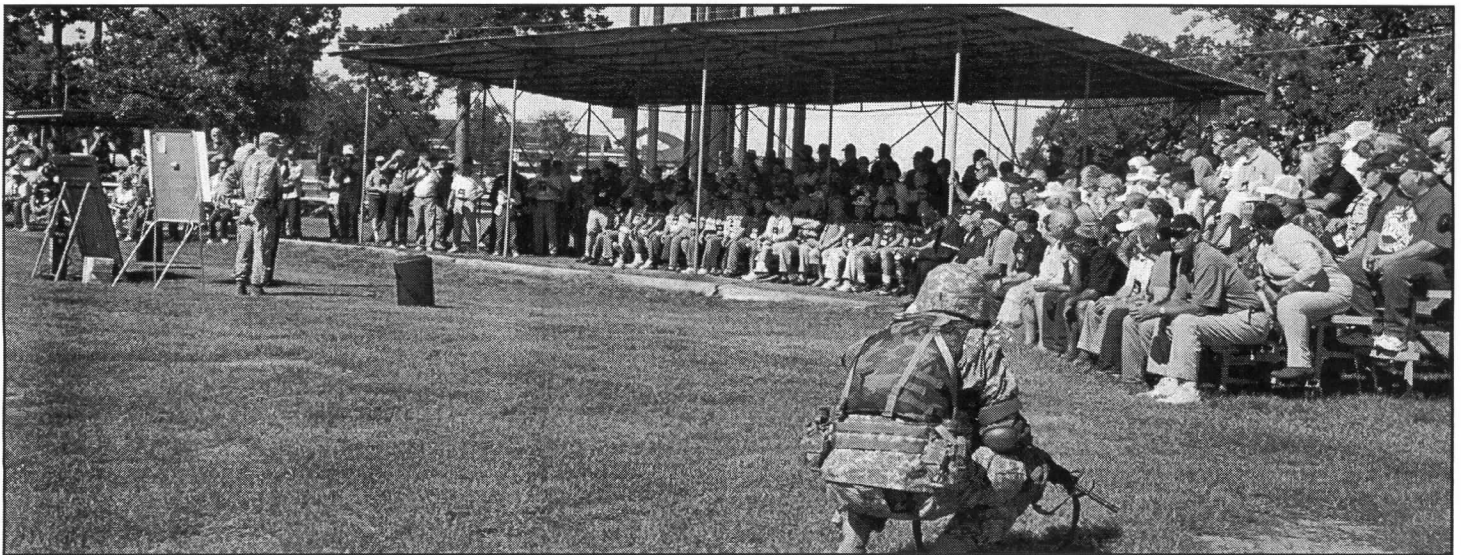
*Airborne School briefing at Fort Benning. [Charles R. Gant photo]*



*250 foot tower at Fort Benning.  
[Robert Burlison photo]*

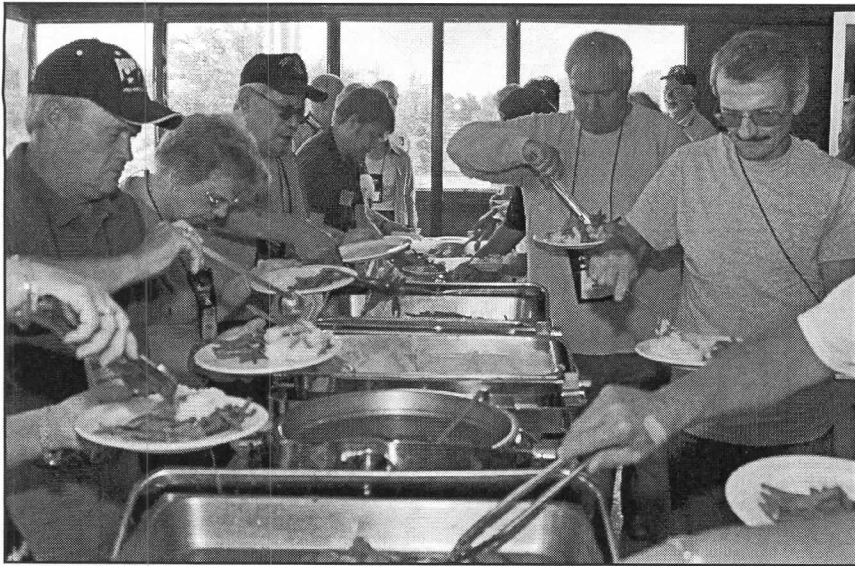


*First Brigade (S) tour in tower area. [Ivan Worrell photo]*

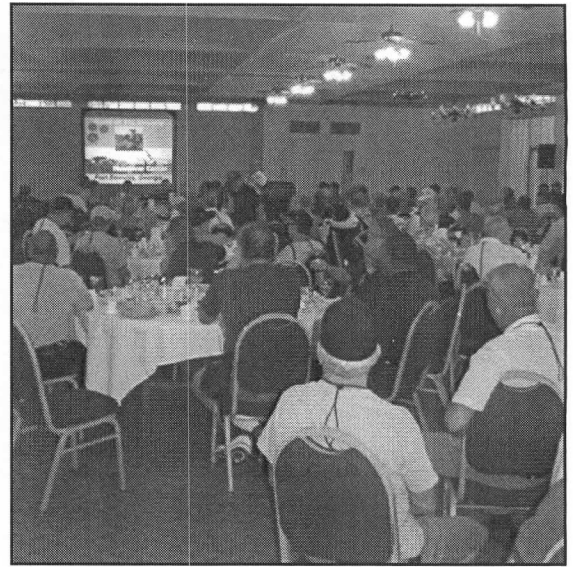


*First Brigade in stands at Fort Benning firing range. [Robert Burlison photo]*

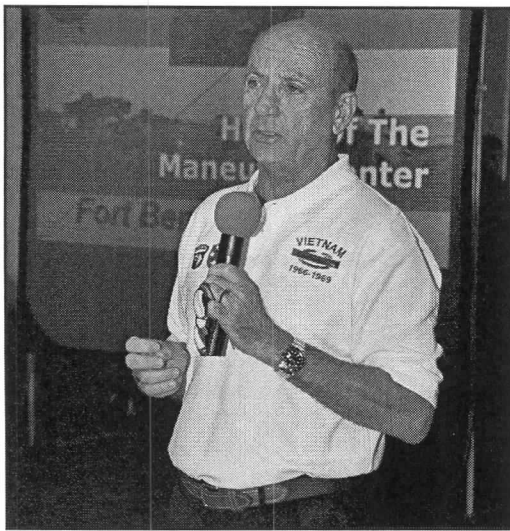




Buffet at Fort Benning Officers' Club. [Robert Burluson photo]



Fort Benning briefing. [Robert Shuta photo]



Our host MG(R) Jerry A. White (11327 A 7166-7167) sums up after the Fort Benning briefing. [Robert Burluson photo]



Before dinner photo at the ALWAYS FIRST Banquet. [Robert Burluson photo]



Chaplain (Col-R) Fred "Max" Wall, Jr. (21327 HQ 4167-8167) conducts the Memorial Service. [Robert Burluson photo]



Table set for our lost and missing comrades was front and center for both the Memorial Luncheon and the ALWAYS FIRST Banquet. [Robert Burluson photo]

# Geronimo I Ends - 142 Weapons Ours

## BC To Wp Ratio 1.5 to 1



An assortment of 68 weapons taken from the 95th North Vietnamese Army Regiment are shown after being captured by the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, near Tuy Hoa on Operation Geronimo I (US Army Photo by SFC Peter McCormick.)

## 'Better Late Than Never' For Pilgrim Feast

By PFC Luis Callender

**TUY HOA** — The smell of roast turkey just out of the oven hung in the air and for 72 paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, the waiting was over for their Thanksgiving dinner. It was December 4th.

On Thanksgiving Day as the rest of the 1st Brigade ate the traditional menu of turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, a 72-man task force from Company "B", 1st Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry, was hacking its way through the dense jungle to recover equipment from a downed "Bird-dog" spotter plane that had crashed in the mountainous jungle northwest of Tuy Hoa.

The previous day the entire battalion had gathered at their forward command post for the big dinner. But duty beckoned and when Captain Glenn Mallory, Company "B" Commander, asked for volunteers the paratroopers answered the call.

From 7:30 in the morning until 5:30 that evening the men of the "Above the Rest" battalion chopped a trail through dense jungle underbrush while climbing one steep mountain after another.

Eating on the move, because of the urgency of their mission, the 101st paratroopers had no thoughts of a holiday and cold "C" rations were the only meal on their unprinted menu.

Thanksgiving seemed to have passed them by — but Lieutenant Colonel Joseph

Collins the 1/327 commander had others ideas.

He set the gears in motion for a belated Thanksgiving feast for "a most deserving group of men." With the aid of the 1st Brigade's food supervisor, Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Hobbs and Staff Sergeant Arthur Belle, head chef for the 1st Battalion, both of Fayetteville, N.C., they did "some mean trading" to come up with nine, hefty, young birds for the 72-man dinner.

Said Specialist Four Charles Wood of Beaumont, Texas, "Thanksgiving is when you eat turkey. What difference does it make whether you eat it on the 24th of November or today."

As Lt. Col. Collins explained, "I don't want my men to feel they'd missed this most important occasion. On a day when every body else relaxed and enjoyed themselves, they accomplished a not too easy task." Then the Lewiston, Idaho, 101st Battalion commander added, "They really deserve it".

The 72 paratroopers, some who'd "skipped breakfast for the big eat," agreed by eating every bit of food prepared — some having second and third helpings.

So the saying, "Better late

than never, as old as Thanksgiving itself, rang true — with a belated pilgrim feast.

### Farewell Comrades

By PFC Luis Callender

**TUY HOA** — The eight black rifles, turned muzzle down, angled slightly in the strong wind blowing across the wide sandy field. The bayonets attached to each weapon were stuck down to their hilts in the wet, sandy earth and the steel helmets atop each rifle butt swayed in jerky motions with each gust of wind.

A pair of green jungle (See Farewell, P. 4 Col. 5)

## Machette — Wielding VC Jumps Wrong Sp4

By 1/Lt. John H. Hensley

**TUY HOA** — Two Viet Cong had the surprise of their life, and the last one, when they jumped the point man of the elite "Tiger Force" of the 1st Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry, on Operation Geronimo I near Tuy Hoa.

Specialist Four John Kadow of Hawthorne, California, was moving through a village about one o'clock in the morning when two machette wielding V.C. jumped him. They found themselves faced with a 6 foot, 200 pound

paratrooper who was ready for them.

Kadow tried to capture both V.C. barehanded but they broke away and ran.

His "black rifle" spoke quickly and two V.C. lay dead.

"I could hear the scuffle taking place," says force leader, Staff Sergeant Kenneth Kratzberg of Wendell, Idaho, "But I wasn't worried about John. He's plenty big enough to take care of two V.C. by himself."

# Hearts And Minds Are Won

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# Another War - Another Place But The Same Screaming Eagle

HEADQUARTERS 101st AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Office of the Division Commander

24 December 1944

What's Merry about all this, you ask? We're fighting—it's cold, we aren't home. All true but what has the proud Eagle Division accomplished with it's worthy comrades of the 10th Armored Division, the 705th Tank Destroyer Battalion and all the rest? Just this: We have stopped cold everything that has been thrown at us from the North, East, South and West. We have identifications from four German Panzer Divisions, two German Infantry Divisions and one German Parachute Division. These units, spearheading the last desperate German lunge, were headed straight west for key points when the Eagle Division was hurriedly ordered to stem the advance. How efficiently this was done will be written in history. The Germans actually did surround us, their radios blared our doom. Their Commander demanded our surrender in the following impudent arrogance.

December 22nd 1944,

### To the U.S.A, Commander of the encircled town of Bastogne.

The fortune of war is changing. This time the U.S.A. forces in and near Bastogne have been encircled by strong German armored units. More German armored units have crossed the river Ourthe near Ortheuville, have taken Marche and reached St. Hubert by passing through Hombres-Sibret-Tillet. Libramont is in German hands.

**There is only one possibility to save the encircled U.S.A. troops from total annihilation: That is the honorable surrender or the encircled town. In order to think it over a term of two hours will be granted beginning with the presentation of this note.**

If this proposal should be rejected one German Army Artillery Corps and six heavy A.A. Battalions are ready to annihilate the U.S.A. Troops in and near Bastogne. The order for firing will be given immediately after this two hour term.

All the serious civilian losses caused by this Artillery fire would not correspond with the well known American humanity.

The German Commander received the following reply:

"To the German Commander:

### NUTS!

**Allied Troops are counterattacking in force. We continue to hold Bastogne. By holding Bastogne we assure the success of the Allied Armies. We know that our Division Commander, General Taylor will say: "Well Done!" We are giving our country and our loved ones at home a worthy Christmas present and being privileged to take part in this gallant feat of arms are truly making for ourselves a Merry Christmas.**

### Dependent ID Card Necessary For Children Away From Home

**WASH (AFNB)**A serviceman or authorized civilian dependent without an ID card is like a ship without an anchor. No ID means no medical care, no commissary and no exchange privileges. Although most eligible personnel provide ID cards for their wives, a dependent may also be a child or a parent. Children in colleges are particularly vulnerable since they may be living far away from parental aid when a medical emergency arises. And while colleges have infirmaries, few of them have free surgical facilities.

Since admission to many hospitals is contingent on insurance, an ID card is a necessity. All eligible personnel should have ID cards.

### BULLETIN

Free mail service has been extended to provide free letter service from Vietnam to all free world foreign countries.

These letters are **not** to be marked "free". APO 96347 (main) will apply proper postage indorsement.

The German Commander

22 December 1944

The American Commander

Mc Auliffe,  
Commanding.

### Christmas Cards To Bde Received From :

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|--|---|
| <b>Miss Joan Sullivan</b><br>149 Sydney Street<br>Dorchester, Mass<br>.. | <b>Miss Fleta Wagner</b><br>Po Box 2015, TWV Station<br>Denton, Texas<br>.. |
| <b>Miss Kathleen Kelley</b><br>78 Campbell Street<br>Woburn, Mass<br>..  | <b>Sigrid Albach</b><br>Po Box 3388, TWV Station<br>Denton, Texas<br>..     |
| <b>Mrs Cyndi Hood</b><br>662 East 7B Street<br>South Booton, Mass        |   |

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## Honor ★ God ★ Country

Deeds Of Heroism

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"We Have Met

The Enemy

And They Are Ours"

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The following individuals are hereby cited for valor in action during counterinsurgency operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

Authority: By direction of the Commanding General 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

**Carter Delward E.** RA18271152 Staff Sergeant E6 USA  
Btry A, 2d Bn, 320th Arty, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Reason: On 7 November 1966, at 0545 hours, near Tong Binh, Republic of Vietnam, the battery position came under heavy enemy mortar, automatic weapons, recoilless rifle and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Carter fearlessly exposed himself to intense hostile fire in order to pinpoint the location of the enemy mortars and to place direct fire on the enemy with his howitzer.

**Richardson, Jack E.** RA44188885 Staff Sergeant E6 USA  
Btry A, 2d Bn, 320th Arty, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Reason: On 7 November 1966, at 0545 hours, near Tong Binh, Republic of Vietnam, the battery position came under heavy enemy mortar, automatic weapons, recoilless rifle, and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Richardson repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to prepare his howitzer for direct fire. Sergeant Richardson participated in the volunteer platoon that cleared and secured the battlefield.

**Hood, Freddie L.** RA14525641 Sergeant E5 USA  
Btry A, 2d Bn, 320th Arty, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Reason: On 7 November 1966, at 0545 hours, near Tong Binh, Republic of Vietnam; the battery position came under heavy enemy mortar, automatic weapons, recoilless rifle, and small arms fire. When the battery commander asked for volunteers to assault the enemy and drive them from the battery position, Sergeant Hood volunteered and, with complete disregard for his own safety, fearlessly exposed himself to intense hostile fire to destroy the enemy. The counter-attack drove the enemy from the unit position and restored the battery perimeter.

**Monroe, Forrest C.** RA14769227 Sergeant E5 USA  
Btry A, 2d Bn, 320th Arty, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Reason: On 7 November 1966, at 0545 hours, near Tong Binh, Republic of Vietnam, the battery position came under heavy enemy mortar, automatic weapons, recoilless rifle, and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Monroe fearlessly exposed himself to intense hostile fire in order to shift his own howitzer in the direction of the attack and place direct fire on the enemy. He continually exposed himself to small arms fire in order to carry 105mm ammunition and to aid the wounded.

**Moore, Ronald J.** RA19820101 Private First Class E3 USA  
HHB, 2d Bn, 320th Arty, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Reason: On 7 November 1966, at 0545 hours, near Tong Binh, Republic of Vietnam, the battery position came under heavy enemy mortar, automatic weapons, recoilless rifle, and small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private Moore repeatedly exposed himself to intense hostile fire in order to render medical aid to the wounded



# Diplomats And Warriors Reunite Families



## Mission Accomplished

One month ago troopers of the 1st Battalion 327th Infantry liberated 23 Vietnamese civilians held captive in a Viet Cong prison camp. The prisoners ranged in age from 15 to 60 years old, and the time of their imprisonment was from 15 days to 30 months.

The pictures on this page can only show the liberated people with their families—it is impossible to capture the emotion and gratitude felt toward the Diplomats and Warriors who freed them. But as human beings we understand—we also know our mission has been accomplished with these people—we have won their hearts and minds.

We have been and remain — Diplomats and Warriors — one and all.



# Reduction In Piaster Spending By Military Personnel, Agencies

Saigon (MACV) — Gen. W.C. Westmoreland, commander of United States Armed Forces in Vietnam, last week called for a sharp reduction by all personnel and agencies in the spending of piasters.

Citing the economic hazards which result from continued uncontrolled flow of piasters into the Vietnamese economy, General Westmoreland directed his staff and component commanders to institute an aggressive and dynamic program directed toward the reduction of piaster expenditures. Specifically the program will lessen the inflationary impact of our presence upon the economy of Vietnam.

While there are no plans at present to limit the number of piasters individuals may purchase at the accommodation rate of exchange, MACV has called for a personal, self-imposed limitation on piaster expenditures.

Leading the list as the most painless way to reduce personal piaster purchases is to increase deposits with the Uniformed Services Savings Deposit System. This program, especially designed for men overseas,

pays the individual 10 per cent interest on deposits up to \$10,000

Also high on the list of positive controls on personal spending are the 5% interest, no-cost checking accounts of the Bank of America and the Chase Manhattan Bank now operating in Vietnam. In addition, the United States Savings Bond program continues to offer another painless way to put money to work while increasing personal savings. The objective here is to have the soldier get his money out of Vietnam into one of the savings programs or through the allotment system.

It is recognized by officials that personal efforts alone will not completely achieve the desired level of reduced piaster expenditures. For this reason officials have directed all contracting agencies to take a close look at operating methods and establish effective programs to reduce piaster expenses.

BUY BONDS

# Merry Chris Noel



Miss Chris Noel, movie and television starlet-turned Armed Forces Radio disk jockey will arrive in Vietnam today for a ten-day tour. The stunning green-eyed blond (5'7", 36-23-34) will visit a number of troop installations and hospitals in addition to Armed Forces Radio outlets throughout the country.

# Farewell

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boots, laced neatly to the top, sat flat at the base of each rifle, giving no ground to the determined gale.

The men of the 1st Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry, gathered under overcasts skies for the memorial ceremony honoring their fallen comrades-in-arms.

The chaplain's voice rose into the light drizzle that fell as he recited the 23rd Psalm...

"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil."

And then the names of the deceased. The list wasn't long, but the loss was no less great.

Then the bugle call... "TAPS"... saying farewell to valiant men who'd given their lives in combat.

# VIETNAM CEASEFIRE

Two forty-eight-hour ceasefires—during Christmas and New Years will be observed by the United States and the Republic of Vietnam, and the Viet Cong. The Viet Cong proposed the double truce and Washington and Saigon agreed to the ceasefire.

The Allies also will observe a truce from Feb. 8 to Feb. 12 for the Buddhist New Year. All American ceasefires will include a halt to bombings over North Vietnam.

# CHANGE DUE

Washington — The Office of the Chief of Finance reports that paychecks will be handed out twice a month to all Army personnel by the first of 1969. (ANF)

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

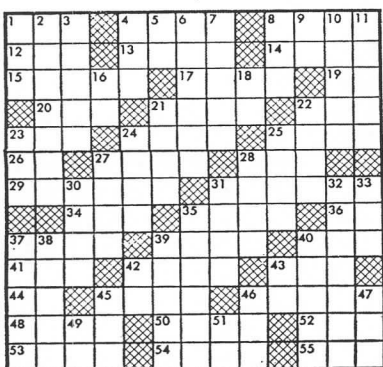
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- 4-Spreads for drying
- 8-Unit of Italian currency (pl.)
- 12-Pronoun
- 13-Mixture
- 14-Dillseed.
- 15-Old-womanish
- 17-Sluggish
- 19-Parent (colloq.)
- 20-Born
- 21-Hurried
- 22-Writing implement
- 23-Crony (colloq.)
- 24-Observes
- 25-Festive
- 26-Indefinite article
- 27-Sense
- 28-Through
- 29-Gazed
- 31-Rush suddenly
- 34-Parent (colloq.)
- 35-Tilled land
- 36-Preposition
- 37-Newspaper paragraph
- 39-Recline in a lazy manner
- 40-Witty remark
- 41-Communist
- 42-Narrate
- 43-Possesses
- 44-Cooled lava
- 45-Pertaining to an era
- 46-Reveals
- 48-Former Russian ruler
- 50-Rail bird
- 52-Suffix: adherent of
- 53-Lampreys
- 54-Pitcher
- 55-Greek letter

## DOWN

- 1-The ural
- 2-Flag
- 3-Fairy in "The Tempest"
- 4-Pedal digit
- 5-Spanish article
- 6-Scatter
- 7-Shoe bottoms
- 8-Ordinance
- 9-Preposition
- 10-Repulse
- 11-Babylonian hero
- 11-French article
- 18-Hypothetical force
- 21-Sow
- 22-Separate
- 23-Dance step
- 24-Leak through
- 25-Microbe
- 27-Preposition

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# No Crossing Today

By SSGT. Mike Mangiameli

TUY HOA — In the early morning light the forward position of Company "A" 2nd Battalion, 502nd (Airborne) Infantry watched as 40 North Vietnamese Army (NVA) soldiers constructed a foot bridge. They quickly reported the action and began setting up an ambush in the brush and rocks near the crossing site.

The 101st Airborne paratroopers had been waiting all night for elements of the 95th NVA Regiment.

The 1st Battalion, 327th (Airborne) Infantry had been airlifted across the river to the mountain to drive the 95th toward the 2nd Battalion, 502nd (Airborne) Infantry positions. The 95th, badly mauled after nearly a

year of fighting the paratroopers, had been forced into hiding near the mountain. The 1st Bn., 327th Inf., would push while the 2nd Bde., 502nd would act as the blocking element.

"A" Company let 15 NVA soldiers cross the bridge before opening fire. One machinegunner quickly killed four on the bridge while riflemen and

grenadiers took on the rest.

Thirteen enemy lay dead and one was taken prisoner. The others escaped into the underbrush.

As the interrogation of the prisoner began the "Strike Force" troopers checked their grenades and ammo and prepared for another long day of chasing "Charlie."



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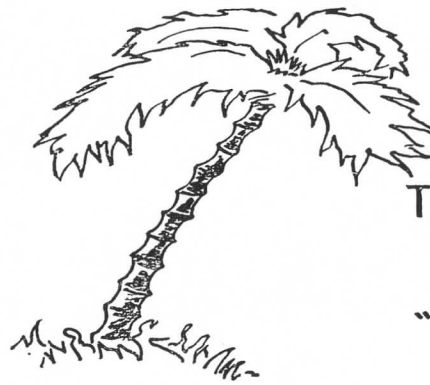
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*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*

+ DONALD W. LILLEY, SPT BN C 5/65-9/66, 1506 7th St. East, Polson, MT 59860, (406) 883-2257 sent the following: This is a Christmas card that was given to me in 1965 to send home.

I found this in my Mother's stuff when she past away. You may already have one, I do not know. I have kept the one I have and had it reproduced so I'm sending this to you in hopes that you have a Merry Christmas and thanks for helping bring some of us back together with lost buddies and friends.

*Editor's Note: Thank you Don for the Christmas card. I had not seen this card before. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours.*

# Captain Earnest W. Dill of East Point Receives Silver Star, Other Medals



Army Captain Ernest W. Dill, 28 (right), is congratulated by Brigadier General Willard Pearson, commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade, in Phan Ran, Vietnam.

PHAN RANG, VIETNAM (AHTNC) — Army Captain Earnest W. Dill, 28, (right), whose mother, Mrs. Ruth J. Dill, lives at 1955 Dorsey Ave., East Point, has just received the Silver Star Medal, the nation's third highest award for gallantry; the Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal for heroism.

The Silver Star was awarded in recognition of Capt. Dill's actions on June 9 near Dak To, Vietnam. His unit was brought under intense machine gun fire while moving to help a pinned-

down rifle company.

His citation reads, "Realizing that many more casualties would result if his men were not quickly pulled back, Capt. Dill exposed himself to the murderous hostile fire and regrouped his scattered force to a piece of defensible terrain. During the next ten hours, Capt. Dill led his men in repulsing repeated attacks from the fanatical enemy."

The Air Medal is in recognition of 25 combat missions flown between March and June 1966.

On April 7, near Dong Tre, Capt. Dill's helicopter was hit as it started to land and the pilot lost control. The captain ordered all the men to jump just moments before the helicopter crashed and burst into flames. After rescuing the pilots, the unit, under the captain's orders, formed a defensive ring around the burning helicopter and directed fire on the enemy, making it safer for the other helicopters to land. This action earned the captain the Commendation Medal.

Capt. Dill, who is with Head-

quarters Company of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, entered on active duty in June 1962. He received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at North Georgia College at Dahlonega, where he received his B. S. degree in business in 1962.

He is a 1956 graduate of Georgia Military Academy, College Park. His wife, Mimi, lives at 2733 Wise St., Columbus, Ga.

*From the scrapbook of  
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Arrived Ft. Campbell May 63 left for the boat ride July 65  
returned home May 66. Was assigned to C BTRY 2/320th.

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Thanks for everything Ivan. I am still looking for guys that left P  
Training for Duc Pho in May of 1967. We got engine shot and several  
brothers were wounded in the plane. Then we flew to DA Nang.

HOLLIS STANFORD, 426 S & T Bn HQ  
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I'm one of the boat guys who went to Nam in 65 with the 1st  
Bde...I was with Hq. Co. 426 S & T Bn. Donald Lilly from  
Montana...I saw your note last evening and sent you an  
email...contact me...chiefh@fedweeknet.com or call me 417-  
588-1001.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Family/Alan KIA/A1/327  
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Have been searching for anybody who might have known my  
brother, PFC Alan E. Williams (KIA 10/2/67) while he served  
with A/1/327 as RTO. He was tall blond skinny kid 18 yrs old.  
He was in the area of Chu Lai at first and Phu Bai and could  
have been involved in Operation Wheeler in Sept '67. He was  
sent from Ft. Campbell as a replacement for 1st Bde before the  
2nd and 3rd Bde's deployed. He was only in RVN from June  
'67 to Oct 67. He was in 2nd Bde 101st at Ft. Campbell from  
August '66 to June '67 and used to go with friends from the unit  
to Bowling Green, KY, and on occasion even to Chicago to  
have fun. I served with the 101st MI Det under 1SG Unkle but  
deployed with an aviation unit later. Thanks for any info or  
help anybody can provide.



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Welcome home everybody.

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I read with interest and disappointment the recent comments  
by Gen. Rosenblum in the First Bde magazine. I don't see what  
the big deal was that 2/502 had a reunion concurrent with the  
1st Bde Reunion. This didn't mean that the 2/502 guys ignored  
their 1st Bde brothers. I for one visited the Bde Hospitality  
Room and paid for and enjoyed some Bde functions. Seems to  
me that when attending reunions, whether family, school, etc.,  
we tend to gravitate to our peers, close friends and the like.  
This does not mean other attendees are less important, just  
means we tend to flock to those most familiar and close to us.

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One of our old PIO reporters, Bill Singley, has written a book  
about his first tour in the Army in the late '50's at Ft. Bragg. It's  
called "Bragg." He sent me a copy and it's really good. You can  
reach him for a copy at <bill\_singley@hotmail.com>

Also, the reunion in Atlanta was terrific. Good work, Ivan, and  
thank you for the obvious effort. You know, I think that when  
you were calling number after number for winners of the BA  
M' BA beer, the winners didn't want it. It's only good for sham-  
pooing the family dog.

John

*Editor's Note: There is no bad beer, only good, better and best.*

JODEE GIBSON  
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My name is JoDee Gibson from Folkston, GA, and I am  
researching the young men from Folkston who were killed in  
Vietnam. Currently, I am working on an article on PFC (for-  
merly SGT) George Edward Bryant. He was B 2/502 and he  
was KIA near Tuy Hoa on 11/09/66 during the Battle of Phong  
Cao. I have been in touch with several 101st Abn Assoc mem-  
bers who are helping me and one suggested that I place an

entry in this guestbook as well. For his actions at Phong Cao, George was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. It was presented to his wife in March of 1967. She had all of George's medals, awards, paperwork, keepsakes, etc., and unfortunately, she passed away from cancer about a year after George was killed. As a result, George's family has limited information about him and his service. His brother, Ray, has been able to get his Silver Star reissued, but the Army did not include the citation outlining George's actions which resulted in the Silver Star. I'm looking for information from anyone who may remember George or his actions during the Battle of Phong Cao. George was career military (16+ years) and up until a few weeks before he was killed, he was a SSGT. Any help or information would be greatly appreciated.

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Troops, I have been asked by a man for info on the loss of George Bryant (KIA-Nov. 9, 66) as the folks in Bryant's hometown are making a memorial for the men lost. The fight should have been Phong Cao Mountain near Tuy Hoa in Nov 66. The Recondos started the fight and were there for days. Anyone remember George? What unit he was in (see previous message)? Please let me know or I'll pass on to whoever wants the email of the group asking.

Thanks troops and Strike Force

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Looking for the guys I knew, 3rd Plt., B Co., 1/327, '67.

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PAUL GUHIN, 1/327 C 9/67-9/68  
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Looking for a good map of South Viet Nam. Served with 101st 1st 327 from Sept. 66 to Sept. 67

## E-MAIL MESSAGES

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Ivan,

As always, I thoroughly enjoyed the April issue of the 1st Brigade magazine. I have been a subscriber since the beginning, and think you are doing a great job in chronicling the history of our unit. Please keep up the good work.



*A mark in history*

The **Time magazine man of the year** is a powerful and moving generation: the man and the woman—25 years of age and under.

The Screaming Eagle Brigade knows only too well the worth of that dynamic generation—for its proud ranks are filled with it. This is little consolation for the hardships—pain—and fear that the young American paratrooper experiences in his role as the champion of freedom in the Vietnam War.

But the look captured in the picture by Mr. Frank Faulkner, photo journalist and former member of the brigade, speaks for your pride in being recognized for what you truly are.

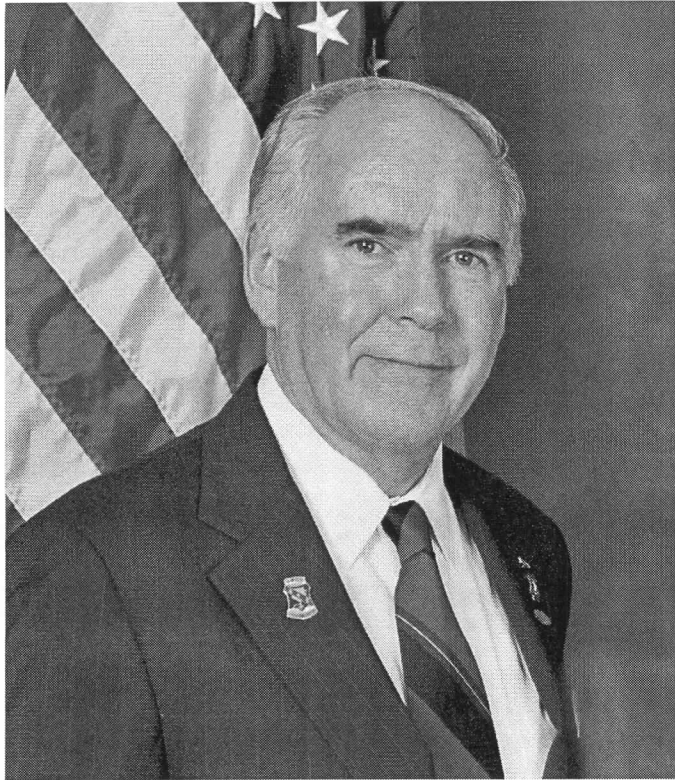
**Today in Vietnam the man of the year of the 101st Airborne Division stands in the door of C-130 going 120 miles per-hour. He is ready to prove, as he has in the past, that he has what it takes to be THE MAN. Beyond that door is the turbulent prop blast of the war and the drop zones of his future ambitions.**

**Well done man of the year—happy landings and continued good hunting.**

I thought you would be interested in knowing the picture on the front page of the January 1967 issue of the "Diplomat and Warrior" is yours truly. My company, B/2/327, had completed one of the jumps noted in the article and a UPI reporter, Frank Faulkner, took my picture. There is another picture of me on the second page in which we are marching in two columns with our parachutes on. I have an original copy of this issue in my collection.

The article below the picture on the front page talks about the TIME magazine Man of the Year, and that he is under 25 and is part of a moving and powerful generation. I did some research and found out TIME magazine's Man of the Year in January 1967 was, in fact, the under 25 generation and how they have impacted our country. The article goes on to state "The Screaming Eagle First Brigade knows only too well the worth of that dynamic generation—for its proud ranks are filled with it."





Those of us that served in the 1st Brigade in 1965 through 1967 can truly say we made an impact on our country, as well as our fellow soldiers, and deserve to be included in the ranks of TIME magazine's "Man of the Year."

This year many of us will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of several major events that took place in 1966; Dak To, Trung Luong and Hill 86 to name a few. We should all pause to remember those important milestones in the proud history of the 1st Brigade, but more importantly the men who served with us that did not make it home. I am looking forward to the reunion and seeing old friends and remembering our fallen comrades.

Doug Field, B/2/327 1966-1967

*Editor's Note: This message from Doug got into the left out file and is a few months late. I believe it remains topical and apologize for not getting it into the July or October issues. Frank Faulkner (2/502 C & HHC 6/65 - 4/66) left the Army and became a correspondent.*

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Ivan,

I want to correct the name of photo credits given to me on pages 11 and 12 for your October issue.



I believe the person who sent you the pictures was Bob Shuta and he should receive the credit not me. I gave him a heads up on this matter yesterday. He did mention to me that he sent you some photos. He said he is waiting for his copy of "The Always First Brigade" issue to verify those are the photos he sent.

I did not forward any pictures to you. His email address is noted in the cc: should you wish to contact him.

Respectfully, Charles W. Campbell

*Editor's Note. I have apologized to Bob Shuta (2/320 FA C Bty 10/67-10/68) and have yet to discover how I mixed this up. I do appreciate the photos and have used some in THE MEMORY BOOK.*

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+ KEN POTTS, 1/327 C 12/66-12/67  
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We of C Company 1/327 spent a day at Colonel Northquest's home as the guests of him and his wife Jamie.



From left to right starting in the back row: Bill Northquest (1/327 C 6/66-12/67), Ken Pfeiffer (1/327 C 66-67), Ken Potts (1/327 C 12/66-12/66), "Doc" Lonnie Layne (1/327 C&HHC 5/67-4/68), Ron Gallant (1/327 C 66-67). Front row: Jamie Northquest, Charlotte Layne, Trudy Pfeiffer, Tia Potts, and Linda Gallant standing just behind Tia Potts.

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From: Charla Schwartz  
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To: northq@myway.com  
Subject: Russell Thomas Ford - May 12, 1967

Dear Mr. Northquest,

My wife and I are collecting information about my uncle. His name was Russell Thomas Ford. He served in the 2nd Platoon

in C Company (forgive me, I don't know the order) under your command. I have looked at his photo all of my life. I was only told when I was young that he died in Vietnam. I would like to know more about him and his service. I have been researching his service in Vietnam for really only one day and I have found much. I would like to find more. I want to pass this history on to my son. I also really need to know about him for personal reasons. If you cannot help me, that is fine. I would appreciate any help whatsoever. Thank you for your service.

Yours truly, Chuck and Charla Schwartz

Russell Thomas Ford, PFC E3, 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne, KIA-Small Arms fire near Duc Pho, Province: Quang Ngai

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Subject: RE: Russell Thomas Ford - May 12, 1967

Dear Chuck and Charla:

You are doing an excellent job in your research after only one day! Yes, I was the company commander of Cobra Company when your uncle was assigned to the company. While I did not personally know your uncle (150 soldiers in the company), I do remember his name. Over the past few years, I have been in contact with several soldiers who served in the 2nd platoon. Perhaps they can help you in getting to know your uncle better. They are:

Ken Mooi: 11547 East Vine Ave, Mesa, AZ 85208  
Frank Dunlevy: Frank.Dunlevy@sgcowen.com  
Gary Ledbetter: Seison7@nc.rr.com  
Steve Stevenson: Artfly2@satx.rr.com  
Earl DeLong: delongalex@sbcglobal.net  
For Fox: fw\_fox@msn.com

Do you know when your uncle was assigned to the 2nd platoon? I have a platoon photo taken in the February 1967 time-frame in Phan Rang, Vietnam. Would you like a copy of the photo?

Cobra Company operated in the dense mountainous jungles of the Central Highlands. Days were spent patrolling in the dense jungle, many times not knowing when we might find the enemy. We would be on patrol for up to 30 days at a time before returning to the rear area for some rest, relaxation and a hot shower! To do all of that and endure the constant threat of the enemy required a level of professionalism, determination and guts that I have not seen before or after having served as Cobra's commander. All of Cobra's soldiers served valiantly, looked out for each other and never failed their buddies or their country. Your uncle was one of them. You can be damn proud!!

A number of years ago, I came across a quote that describes what a soldier is. I would like to share it with you because it is a perfect description of the soldiers of Cobra Company and your uncle. It goes like this:

"While a ship may symbolize the Navy and an aircraft or long-range missile the Air Force, the only completely adequate symbol of the Army is man -- the frontline combat soldier. He doesn't float, fly or fission. He is not a superman, but he must be a little better than most men, a little tougher in character with stamina, guts, determination and discipline, and he must be dedicated to his profession to ensure that our Army will be victorious in the future as it always has been in the past." (author unknown)

If there is anything else that I can do to help your search, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
Bill Northquest  
Colonel (Retired), US Army

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## FROM U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ GREGORY FLOOR, 2/502 B 7/65-6/66, 12726 Woodley Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344-1822, work (818) 988-1080, home (818) 368-4061 wrote when renewing his subscription: Just a note of gratitude for the work you do on the magazine. It's the best source I've got for keeping the memories in the right order for that experience. I have also re-connected with several old buddies because of your work. Kudos Sir, keep it up.

Sincerely, Greg Floor

*Editor's Note: Gregory Floor, 21502 B 7/65-6/66, was featured on page 30 of the July 2006 magazine in an article about The SCREAMING EAGLE highway in California.*

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+ CSM(R) CURTIS DUCO, the first Battalion SGM of 2/327 C 65-66, 8431 Argonne Forest Drive, Duncanville, AL 35456-2133, (205) 752-3334 when becoming a new subscriber wrote: Thank you Major for publishing my beloved wife's passing in your well organized magazine which I received for the first time. I also want to thank CWO Keller for forwarding the information. Since her death on 11 July 06, I have received condolences from throughout the United States to include the President and his wife, also from the Netherlands -- a friend of WWII, who now places flowers on our deceased 507th P.I.R. of WWII.

As I visited my beloved wife that I loved with all my very soul, I noticed another old gentleman at a gravesite with a far away look. Though I am only eight decades plus, this old gentleman was closing in on nine decades. I was hesitant but I had to get an answer to my pain driven mind and heart. Will this lonesome, lost, pain filled body ever find peace and tranquility?

He didn't have to answer verbally to my question, for tears streamed down his wrinkled face. He said, "Son for over five years I've been visiting with my one and only love, it never goes away. She is presently only in my imaginary mind." I got my answer as we old ones embraced in a flood of tears.





To you that still have your loving wives at your side, love one another especially when you encompass five decades of marriage on planet earth.

As I close I must refer to the beatitudes, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

To all of my airborne troopers that I served with in three wars and thirteen campaigns I bid you farewell and may God Bless you all.

"Airborne"  
Curtis Duco

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+ RONALD J. GALLANT, 1/327 C 66-67, 5312 Yaupon Holly Dr., Cocoa, FL 32927, (321) 639-9435 along with his subscription renewal wrote: Atlanta was my first reunion and I am already making plans for Hampton. Thank you and your family for making Atlanta such a memorable experience.

Another thanks for THE ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE. It is an awesome publication and I look forward to every issue. Thanks again.

ATR  
Ronnie Gallant  
Cobra 1/327th 9/66-8/67

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+ DAVID C. JOHNSON, 2/502 HQ&B 1/64-7/66, 1420 La Hermosa Dr., The Villages, FL 32162, (352) 259-8875 wrote: Enclosed is my check for the Reunion Memory Book. My sincere thanks again to you for all the work you generously put into organizing the Atlanta Reunion. It was the first I ever attended – and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Best wishes for the Holidays and New Year.

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+ = Current Subscriber



SO THEY DROPPED US ON THE WRONG L.Z. !!  
-- WHO'S COMPLAININ' ??...

This cartoon from *The Army Digest*, *Humor in Army Green*.  
"UP COUNTRY" by SP6 Bill Dolan.

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Capt P.W. Apfel

## CHRISTMAS - VIETNAM - 1965

Christmas-Vietnam-1965 was notable for the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Abn Div through the efforts and kindness of the American people the holiday season saw 26,443 individual Christmas cards and letters arrive at the Screaming Eagles base camp from 1st grade students, school teachers, leading civic organizations throughout the United States, and many other student and patriotic groups. A total of 1,653 Christmas boxes weighing 1,322 tons were sent by individuals and organizations from every corner of the United States and distributed to Brigade troopers on an average of 48 lbs. per man.

The University of Southern Illinois took advantage of the Christmas season to raise \$5,000 to purchase items to support the Screaming Eagles civic action program. Captain James Nichols, Jr., Clarksville, Tennessee, Brigade Civil Affairs Officer, noted that those items will provide a good solid base to give the Vietnamese populace the means with which to help themselves.

The Gulf-Mart Department Stores of San Antonio, Texas, sent over sixteen 400 lb. packages to the 2d Battalion, 327th Infantry to aid them in their contribution to the Brigade Civic Action program.

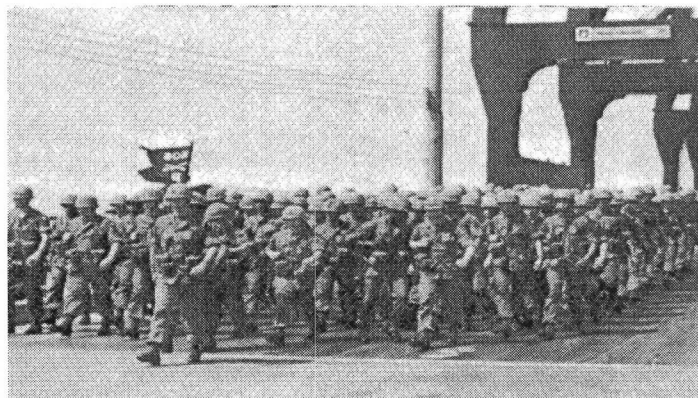
The Screaming Eagle's home station and parent division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky sent over 75,000 cookies to troopers of the 1st Brigade. The cookies, packed by the wives and friends of Brigade troopers who reside in the Fort Campbell area, arrived on Christmas Eve and were distributed on Christmas Day.

A Brigade spokesman indicated that each organization and group who supported "Operation Christmas" for the Brigade will receive a Formal certificate of appreciation from the Brigade Commander, Colonel J. S. Timothy, New Orleans, La.

Army Sgt. Kenneth M. Collard, Vincennes, Indiana, an older soldier who is fighting his second war noted, "It's amazing and reassuring to know that all those people are behind us."

# VIETNAM—THE 3/506 JOINS THE 1ST BDE

In October-November, the 3/506th Inf were welcome to Vietnam by LTC John P. Garaci, CO, upon arrival via the USNS General William Weigel as they joined the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div., APO SF 96347. Co B is shown marching off the deck en-route to Phan Rang and being greeted by the Red Cross. "Currahee's" All The Way.



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## CONG KILLERS

In the Mts Around Phan Thiet  
17 March '67

The Capt said, "We've left Phan Thiet,  
But we know Charlies around here yet,  
He's up in the mts in his hidden lair,  
To get him now we must trap and ensnare!"

Charlie's been shooting at choppers again,  
It's been about one day ago when,  
He opened with his automatic gun,  
We've got to get him on the run!

I want these Cong snipers real bad,  
Because I'm teed off and really mad,  
One round missed my head by one inch,  
But I ducked that shot and didn't flinch.

Cobra Company then fanned out  
Into Charlie's hidden jungle redoubt,  
The squads and platoons climbed the highest  
peak  
From all sides to get Charlie the sneak.

The company received automatic fire from  
an adjacent hill,  
And merged into that zone for a final kill,  
But Charlie was gone—it was quiet and still,  
But we'll get Charlie for our Capt—  
We know we will!

We finally settled down for rest,  
When one of our men whispered to the best,  
I see two Charlies—there may be more,  
Right to the left of that valley floor."

One squad to the left started out for them,  
Another squad to the right to get these  
Cong men,  
Charlie was caught right in this trap,  
He practically fell into our lap.

One of the Cong had a Thompson sub-  
machine gun,  
Spitting out bullets and fire while on the  
run,  
He tried to kill many of our men,  
As the bullets kept flying in all this din.

"My men I'm here to say that I'm proud  
of you,  
It's got to be Charlie and none of my crew,  
This will teach him to stay away,  
From 'Cobra Company'—  
From this very day!"

By Scuff Gordon  
Dedicated to Capt. Northquick, C Co, 1st  
Bn, 327th Inf, 101st.

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This poem dedicated to Cpt Northquist, former CO, Co C, 1/327 Abn Inf by Sgt Bernard Gordon, HHB, 2/320th Arty. Cpt Northquist is now S-3. Bernie has recently been promoted. Bernie sends us lots of mail and we are not surprised he passed the Mail Clerk's Test. Keep scuffin, EZ!

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## 1ST BDE VIGNETTES

Lt Col Quinton P. Sunday, Spt Bn, Lt Charles Hicks, CWO Richard J. Spleen, and SFC Jimmy Keller qualified 43 legs as Parachutists in Vietnam.

And a new mascot for the 1/327th is LEROY, a bob-tailed bird. He likes apricot jam and bread.

And Trp A, 2/17th Cav is proud of its extension record when 36 of 99 eligible extended. It is also 101% in the 101st Abn Div Assn.

NEAR MISSES: Pfc Vernon Garel's front sight stopped a piece of enemy grenade. Sgt. Paul Garza stepped on a "Bouncing Betty" land mine—he lifted his foot—it was a dud. Sgt Robert E. Jones was rushed by a huge figure that took a swipe at him—he missed and Jones beat back—the bear ran. Sgt. William H. Brown, C, 2/327 stopped a bullet—in his can of chicken and noodles. SP4 Winefred W. McAddo's web gear stopped a bullet during a landing—when he jumped he triped a booby trap. It was a dud. When he checked his radio he found a gapping hole. SSGT Lee D. Williams pushed a puppy away—a bite—the result—rabies shots. SP4 Edward W. Horton was hit—right in the ammo pouch. SP4 Carlton Miller fired at some VC. Water Buffalo stampeded—Miller was gored. PFC Corroll Ellis Jr, Recondo Platoon, 2/502 took a seat—made contact with the three wires of a mine—the mine a dud but Ellis got a tetanus shot for his ..... SSGT John Jurinsky hit Pfc Richard Biggs with a case of C-rations—to save his life. Biggs was in the path of a landing chopper and Jurinsky made a 15ft direct hit to knock him out of the way of the tail rotor. And PFC Joseph Hauser owes his life to a fully-loaded rucksack when an enemy sniper's bullet hit it and stopped—his complaint, "why did it have to hit my fruit? Why couldn't it have been ham and lima beans?" PFC William L. Ashley, A, 2/327 was cartwheeled through the air when an enemy bullet hit him. Looking down he saw the bullet had hit a hand grenade on his belt. "I was sure glad the bullet hit the grenade instead of me."

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*From "The Screaming Eagle" January-February 1968 pages 9 and 10*

# THE RTO

By GUNSLINGER

(EDITOR'S NOTE: STRIKE FORCE is the motto of the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division—the name they are more popularly known by. GUNSLINGER is the name of their commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Frank L. Dietrich of Traverse City, Michigan, the author of this poem. The title of GUNSLINGER was bestowed upon Lt. Col. Dietrich when he took command of the battalion from Lieutenant Colonel Henry "GUNFIGHTER" Emerson, the previous commanding officer.)

Dedicated to all the fightin' RTOs who have served, are now serving, or will serve as members of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

When you're movin' in the column  
And you hear the snipers crack  
You know you're a damn good traiget  
With a radio on your back,  
With the whip above you wavin'  
Like a flag upon the mast  
You can hear the bullets whistle  
You can hear the Mausers blast  
You would rather nail Charlie  
But you got the radio  
And you gotta send the message  
So you grit your teeth and go  
That's all in the line of duty  
You're the unknown RTO.

When you're layin' out in ambush  
And you hear a call come in  
And you fumble in the darkness  
And the squelch comes singin' on  
All can hear the sound for miles  
Charlie's spooked and gone for sure  
And you wish the radio in hell  
And gone for evermore  
You can hear the muffled curses  
"The RTO caused Charlies' flight"  
"He just blew it all away"  
But you keep mouth shut tight  
Cause they took their turn at sleepin'  
While you stayed up most the night.

When you're humpin' through the jungle  
And you hear the fight begin  
The point man's sighted Charlie  
And his rifle sings its tune  
The RPD's are blazin'  
And grenades add to the din  
You're lettin' higher know the score  
When Charlie slithers in  
And whips his AK on you  
And cuts loose a burst or two  
And you zap him with rifle  
And the panic starts to grow  
Did the bastards do some damage  
To the damn old radio?

When you make an air assult  
You're in chopper number one  
If old Charlie's on the LZ  
Your comrades you must warn  
If a buddy there is wounded  
For a dust off you must call  
And direct the fire of gunships  
So old Charlie they can maul  
You're the dey man when there's trouble  
You're forgotten when there's none  
You must care for much equipment  
Both the radio and your gun  
But you have this satisfaction  
You know it's a job well done.

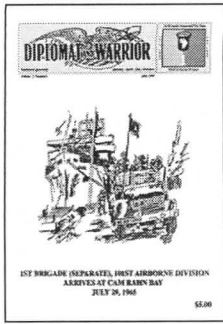
The radio's a trouble  
For an RTO to pack  
It tangles in the jungle  
And it nearly breaks your back  
It's sensitive to weather  
Dust and moisture ridden air  
It's like a flighty female  
Wantin' tender loving care  
But in spite of all your trouble  
You're the one guy in the know  
Cause you gather all the traffic  
Passin' on the radio  
You're the guy who keeps it going  
You're the unknown RTO



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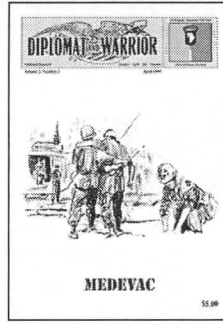
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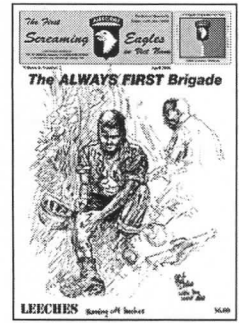
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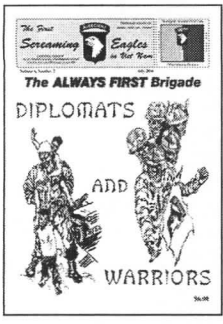
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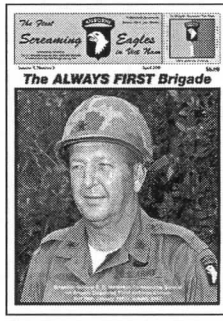
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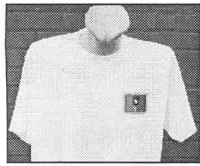


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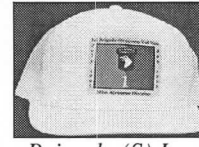
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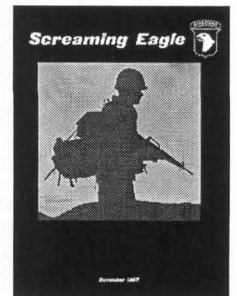
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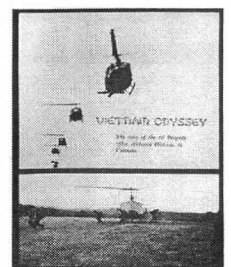
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**THE NASHVILLE BANNER** .....PAGES 1 – 5  
Reproduction of a large compilation of stories published in the BANNER on December 29, 1965. Also on page five a short clip about Ron Nessen who later became White House spokesman.

**BRAGG** .....PAGES 6 AND 7  
Material about a new book by one of the soldiers who reported the events and news of the brigade in Viet Nam. Although the book is not about the brigade, it is written by one of our veterans. It is great to have him back on board.

**SILVER STAR** .....PAGE 7  
Material from the ARMY TIMES that credits Dave Hackworth with having earned the most Silver Stars in history.

**RANGER HALL OF FAME** .....PAGES 8 AND 9  
Report of the induction of 1LT James A. Gardner MOH KIA (TF 1/327) into the Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, GA. Also on page nine is a reproduction of a June 19th 1966 story by Paul Hemphill who wrote for the ATLANTA JOURNAL.

**WHEN YOU HEAR THE BUGLE CALL** ....PAGES 10 AND 11  
A book just published by Peter S. Griffin, 2/502 A 9/64-6/66. The subtitle of the book is Battling PTSD and the Unraveling of the American Conscience. This book is a project that has consumed most of Peter's time and energy for a number of years. Also on page eleven is a news release about Operation John Paul Jones and a cartoon by Department of the Army artist Sp6 Bill Dolan.

**OBITUARIES** .....PAGES 12 AND 13  
Announcement of the death of Randall L. Silva, 1/327 C 67. Also on page 13 is a picture of General Matheson with Santa and a reproduction of a story from "The Screaming Eagle" of March – April 1966.

**10th BIENNIAL REUNION** .....PAGES 14 – 16  
More photos taken at the Atlanta reunion.

**DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR** .....PAGES 17 – 20  
The December 16, 1966 edition of the unit newspaper mostly covers activities in and around Tuy Hoa.

**SUBSCRIBERS** .....PAGES 21 – 23  
This list is made up of new subscribers, those who have renewed subscriptions and address corrections that have been reported. We solicit your help in correcting bad addresses. Send your corrections to the editor. Also on page 23 is a reproduction of a Christmas card sent by Donald W. Lilley, SPT BN C 5/65-9/66.

**WAYNE DILL DECORATED** .....PAGE 24  
A clipping from the scrapbook of COL(R) E. Wayne Dill, 1/327 A & C 3/66-3/67.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** .....PAGES 25 – 29  
These messages come from the brigade website, e-mail and material sent through the U.S Postal Service. Most material that should be of interest to First Brigade veterans is accepted and published. Also on page 29 is a news release about the Christmas of 1965 along with a cartoon by SP6 Bill Dolan.

**FROM THE SCREAMING EAGLE MAGAZINE** .PAGES 30 – 32  
These pages are about the arrival of the 3/506 in Viet Nam, 1st Brigade Vignettes and a poem titled THE RTO written by COL Frank Dietrich when he was the CO of 2/502.

**ITEMS FOR SALE** .....PAGES 33 – 35  
Items for sale are displayed along with back issues of the magazine. A few reunion items are listed on page 35 and are incorporated in the order blank.

**AIRBORNE ASSOCIATIONS** .....PAGE 36  
Some airborne associations and publications that may be of interest to veterans of the First Brigade in Viet Nam.

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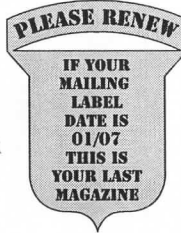
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