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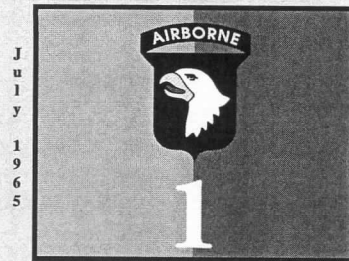
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After the ceremony to display the Medal of Honor, awarded to Lieutenant James Gardner for his valorous acts in 1966, at the 101st Airborne Division Headquarters at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, (L to R) Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65, and MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, discuss the ceremony and the beauty of the Hall of Heroes where the medal will be displayed.

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).

I wish all who subscribe (and those who do not) a happy and prosperous 2010!

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The cover art for this magazine was sketched by First Brigade artist Raymond Gregory Brown and is from the CPT(R) Charles "Jim" Apodaca, 2/502 B 5/66-4/67, files



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For the first time in 47 issues I do not have LETTERS TO THE EDITOR in the magazine. My expectations exceeded the space available in this issue. All LETTERS TO THE EDITOR material planned for use in this issue will be used in the April 2010 magazine. SORRY ABOUT THAT.



VIETNAM REPORT

Office of the Commander, US
Military Assistance Command
Vietnam, APO San Francisco,
96243.

Gentlemen: Thank you for the handsome edition of the History of the 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles. Although my schedule has allowed little more than a quick glance through your book, I intend to read it at the first available opportunity.



Gen. Westmoreland and Col. Timothy

As a former commander of the 101st, it is with great personal pride that I view their accomplishments, both past and present. My best wishes for a happy and successful New Year. Sincerely, W. C. Westmoreland, General, U. S. Army.

General William C. Westmoreland, was named "Man of the Year" by Time magazine.

FROM COL. J. S. TIMOTHY, 1st Bde., 101st Abn Div., APO San Francisco 96347 came two letters: I note with pleasure the receipt of two copies of "Rendezvous with Destiny." I have distributed them within the Brigade for appropriate review. A brief perusal assures me that "Rendezvous with Destiny" will be a valuable and most treasured addition to the library of every Screaming Eagle. I feel quite sure that many of my troopers will share my sentiments in this regard." And in a second letter, "I note your recent letter with a great deal of profound appreciation for your exceptional offer of support for the troopers of this Brigade. I am confident that all the Screaming Eagles of this command would be interested in receiving the Screaming Eagle magazine. However, I realize that this places an onerous and vitally unrealistic requirement upon your generosity. My Information Officer will advise you by separate letter as to the optimum number of copies that would insure adequate distribution and enjoyable reading throughout the Brigade. Your continued interest in the welfare of the Brigade bespeaks the comraderie and staunch support engendered in the finest traditions of Screaming Eagles everywhere. Sincerely, J. S. Timothy, Commanding."

Brig. Gen. Willard Pearson now commands the 1st Bde with Col. Theodre Mataxis, former assistant to Gen. Taylor, as Deputy Commanding Officer.

THIS ISSUE OF THE SCREAMING EAGLE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEN OF THE 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AND THEIR COMRADES NOW SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN VIETNAM.

RECENT VISITORS. The 1st Bde was visited during the past few months by The Honorable Stanley R. Reser, Secretary of the Army, and by General Horald K. Johnson, Army Chief of Staff. General Johnson noted that the thousand of letters and Christmas cards were an indication of the staunch support of the American people and expressed extreme confidence in this young generation of soldiers. He noted the extensive travels and successful operations of the Bde, from An Khe to Lae Kae, and suggested they be called, "Timothy's Traveling Trouble." The troopers were entertained recently by Eddie Fisher, Jackie De Shannon, John Bubbles, and Eddie Samuels with song and dance and rock and roll. This troop visited even the distant outposts on the edge of Viet Cong infested areas. They were awarded the coveted jump wings of Honorary Screaming Eagles.

GREETINGS RECEIVED. The Bde received 26,443 Christmas Cards and letters and 1,653 Christmas boxes, weighing 1,322 tons, through the efforts and kindness of Americans during the holidays. The University of Southern Illinois raised \$5,000 to support the civic action program of The Screaming Eagles under Capt. James Nichols. Postmaster Ephraim Martin and his employees of the Boston Postal District sent 6000 Christmas Cards and pledged 782 pints of blood. A package labeled Caressable BRAS was received with some enthusiasm by the GI's of C, 2/327th Inf. The box contained appreciated 'goodies' of cake and candy sent by the Empire Foundation Inc. of South Fork, Pa. with their "thanks for what you are doing in order that we may live in a free and peaceful America." The employees sent not only thanks, the goodies, but their prayers as well. The Gulf-Mart Stores of San Antonio, Austin, Albuquerque, Tulsa, and Ft. Smith sent 17 four hundred cased goods as expression of their support as opposed to the demonstrations in the U. S. This project was started by a letter from President George A. Hanzi of Gulf-Mart in a letter to Gen. Westmoreland who referred him to the 1st Bde. Lt. William J. Owen, 2/327, wrote a reply. The Air Force flying from San Antonio delivered the gifts one and one-half months later. They were shared with the Vietnamese people. The INTER-CITY Council of Memphis, Tenn. composed of representatives of colleges and universities in that area, send 70 cartons of gifts raised by popular appeal through the Memphis Commercial Appeal which was flown to Vietnam by the 164th Air Transport Group, Tenn. Air National Guard. The Inter-City Council adopted the 1st Bde "as a symbol that the majority of America's university students and young citizens actively support the efforts of U. S. troops in Vietnam." Citizens of and in the vicinity of Atlanta, Ga., including school groups and other organizations, sent 1700 letters and cards in response to an announcement over Station WAGA-TV requesting cards for "Our Boys in Vietnam." Ringgold Elementary School in Clarksville, Tenn. sent a scroll with 211 names backing the men in Vietnam. Among the signers, 1st Sgt. Robert L. Lawrence, found his daughter's name as did many of the other men in Support Bn. Miss

Ravenna Felstead, St. Charles, Minn. sent punch with her card saying, "I hear it makes the water taste better." SP5 Francis Fulkner, Springfield, Mass. agreed. The Junior Chamber of Commerce, Elizabeth, N. J. sent 82 letters wrote, "We, the Elizabeth Jaycees are extremely proud of what these soldiers are doing. Messages sent by the Screaming Eagle Association and its chapters were gratefully acknowledged by Col. Timothy. Col. Timothy stated that thousands of letters had been received from citizens expressing their firm support. Many are addressed to "a soldier, 101st Airborne." All letters received "are distributed to my troopers to let them know the people in the U. S. stand squarely behind them." The 78,000 cookies packed by wives and friends at Ft. Campbell, Ky. arrived on Christmas Eve via the 101st U. S. Air Force Air Transport Squadron, Berry Field, Nashville, Tenn. and were distributed on Christmas Day. The Screaming Eagle can assure the men of the 1st Bde that on Christmas Day, thoughts and prayers from those at home were winging over the air waves to each man wherever he was. It is still so.

A not too welcome greeting but contributing to the enjoyment was the greeting from; "This is Radio Hanoi, I have a flash for the boys of the "Screaming Eagles." Attn: 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?" So "Hanoi Hanna" began her broadcast. To which a spokesman of the 1st Bde replied: "Hanoi Hanna is cordially invited to come to Christmas Eve Dinner at the Brigade Mess Hall. A warm reception will most certainly be accorded her. As for who she will have for dinner, we do not know. We do know, however, who we will have for desert if she does come!"

CHRISTMAS SHARED. Paratroopers of the 1st Bde attended a Christmas Party at the Go Den Vocation School for Montegnard and Cham children near Phan Rang. One hundred four (104) girls from the school and 250 Vietnamese public school children were guests of the 2/327th Inf. under Lt. Col. Melvin Garten's command. Almost a ton of toys and candy was distributed together with gifts from the Gulf-Mart Stores of San Antonio, Texas. In turn, the school girls gave the troopers hand embroidered hankerchiefs that they had made themselves. Capt, Robert C. Harlee, Chaplain of the 327, felt that this effort for all the men with children and families at home would bring Christmas much closer to them—and it did. The school is in a guarded area under a Mother Superior of the French Order of the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartress and four nuns. The expressions in French were clearly understood—despite the fact the nuns spoke no English. SFC Pasclil C. Pietri, Jr. of New York City was Santa in Viet Nam.

Fir trees for Christmas were donated by Lt. Col. Dinh Viet Lang, Province Chief of Ninh Thuna Province, and demonstrates the goodwill and co-operation between the Vietnamese people and the American forces.

The people of Veghel, Holland, sent greetings in a card signed by Jan Driessen, President of the 101st Assn, Veghel, Holland.

Recently, 1st Bde paratroopers completed the roof on the school. Said, PFC Lacy Ingran, HHC, 2/327, "Now the kids will have a place to receive an education. It will spread to neighboring hamlets and other children will benefit by it. What we are doing here with things like this roof is actually **laying a foundation for the future.**"

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THE HELPING HAND

Paratroopers of the 1st Bde are helping 7,000 refugees rebuild their homes in Binh Dinh province. The village of Nohn Khan is a beehive of activity in rebuilding of homes and harvesting of rice crops. The Engineers of the 101 are repairing bridges and culverts. The village for a year had been under the terror of the VC. Many fled. With the arrival of the 101, refugees returned carrying their meager possessions with them. Now it is "Hello, Number One" when members of the 101st drive through the hamlet. Capt. C. Stuart Buchanan, surgeon of the 2/327 is known as "Doc" who with his men treats troopers and natives alike. "I receive much satisfaction from working with the Vietnamese people because they are anxious to receive help I can give. Helping through civic actions programs not only improves our relations but boosts them to help themselves. I have found many different diseases here, not prevalent in the U. S. Many, such as malaria, cholera, and plague can reach epidemic proportions due to inadequate care, poor sanitary conditions, and lack of proper control measures. Most important is the willingness of the people to be treated and their heartfelt thankfulness for it." Important in this effort is the work of Co D, Support Bn, and its laboratory. Sp4 Fred B. Kraft is the man who looks for long hours through the microscope to identify microorganisms on "smears." A native of San Anselmo, Calif., he plans to attend San Francisco State College upon completion of his duty. Not to be forgotten are the medics, such as Sgt Freddie Dugger, Chicago, Ill. and their work in the holding tent where "Quick, Medic, The Bedpan!" is the word.

The local high school in Phan Rang is holding classes in conversational English under the direction of Lt. Walter Oscakiewicz, Allentown, Pa. for its citizens. Students age from 17 to 45 and include some of the city's prominent citizen in this people-to-people program.

UNIT ACTIONS. All units of the 1st Bde—the "Always First" participate in the success of its operations. Troop A, 17th Cavalry recently helped capture 7 VC and detain 43 suspects of 1 was female in an airmobile operation. Approximately 100 more were spotted by helicopter and artillery was brought to bear. A Troop, 17th Cavalry is one of the few Cavalry units to receive Combat Infantryman's Badge for action as a Provisional In-

fantry Company during operations in the An Khe area. Co A, 101st Aviation Bn has mounted a 50 cal. machine gun in the door of a UH-1D helicopter, nicknamed "Swatter." In a daring daylight raid by the VC on a nearby village, "Swatter" flown by Capt. Williamson Thompson with gunner S/Sgt Norman Vandal destroyed a machine gun position, killing some of the enemy, and causing others to flee. In another action, a mortar attack was disrupted. A night attack was made on another position under cover of darkness. Capt. Robert Knight, despite the fire of 7 automatic weapons, persisted in the attack until no more fire was received and a storage structure destroyed. Company Commander, Capt. Donald Elmore says, "the VC are undoubtedly coming to the realization that they no longer control the night hours to do as they please without fear of quick retaliation." Swatter does the job. The 48th Aviation Co which supports the 101 recently had its share of excitement when an armed helicopter piloted by Maj. Ralph Broman had a flame out while transporting Screaming Eagles. They landed in VC territory. Attempts to restart were futile. Through an air relay, transport plane to airbase, Skyraider support arrived. Helicopters too. Passengers were transferred and another attempt was made to restart the downed helicopter. This time it was successful. All returned safely though surrounded by VC during the action.

In true American spirit, the 101st Military Police Co., under Lt. Richard Deen, had a round up of sheep that had strayed into camp. Jeeps and horns rounded up 500 sheep which were returned to their owners.

Team 1, 24th Psychological Warfare Det., has been showing films to the local inhabitants as to their country's objectives, the life of a VC, and on their country. SP4 Gil Valle, 1st Bde Information Officer, who attended the showing attempted to speak with some 13 and 14 year old boys. One said, "Viet Nam, America, Same-Bame, Number One." When trying to talk with him, the 13 year old put his mouth to SP4 Valle's ear whispering, "You understand we no talk; VC are here. They listen." Psy War is important in getting the message through.

The 1st Bde's Support Bn is unique in Army history. This highly specialized unit has more than 500 highly trained specialists and technicians. Co A, under Capt. Tommy Richardson, provides finance, personnel, and postal services. Capt. Paul Wilbur commands Co B which is the "blacksmiths shop" repairing everything from radios to motor vehicles. Capt. Luther Campbell has Co C which provides all classes of supply from food to gasoline. A parachute maintenance platoon provides jump and cargo chutes for the Eagles. Co D is the haven for wounded or injured troopers. This is a medical company with physicians and technicians and operates a 80 bed clearing station. Maj. Burton Walrath, Bn Ex Officer says, "You find a need, any need, and we'll fill it."

Co A, 326th ABN Engineer Bn contributes its part even if its pulling up grenades, accidently that is. Sgt. Garreth Widger (on a work detail) recent-

ly pulled up a demolition wire. Attached was a grenade, thoughtfully left by the VC. Snatching it quickly, he prevented the lever from flying off while saying, "Hey, look what I found." Turning, he found himself talking to the trees. The Engrs have worked wonders in Vietnam turning jungle into habitable living and landing areas.

The elements of the 1st Bde's 327th Abn Inf. have had their share of experiences. A task force of the 2/327th recently assisted in the recovery of the remains of crew members of a downed C-47. Troopers of the 17th Cav. secured Highway 1, Co A, 2/327 marched 20 miles to set up a perimeter, sent patrols to the crash site, and secured a helicopter landing zone near the crash site, and secured a helicopter landing zone near the crash site. Btry B, 320th Arty gave support which was followed by an air strike. Co C then moved into the rugged crash site. Engrs accompanying them checked for mines. The graves registration team began their grim task.

Equipment unsalvagable was destroyed. An attempted helicopter evacuation was prevented by high winds. Co C began a march to the seacoast. As they neared the pickup site, enemy fire broke out stopping the convoy. Btry B joined the fight silencing the enemy fire. The convoy proceeded and the motor march to the task force's base camp was made. Btry B continued to send "Evening Mail" into the hills as Task Force 2/327 settled down content in the successful completion of another mission by team work of all its elements.

Not to be outdone, and in the true Airborne fashion of getting the most done for the least effort, PFC Carl Mennare and PFC Wilson Robertson, Co C, 2/327 have produced a vest that will carry 36 M-79 grenades. Made of salvaged canvas, these newly arrived Screaming Eagles, solved a tiresome problem. Col. Garten, Bn CO commended them and the vest. "It allows freedom of body movement, will not snare, provides easy access to ammunition, can be worn over normal equipment, and can be made from locally obtainable materials."

SP5 Henry L. Coplen can attest to the value of the steel helmet. A bullet crashed through his helmet, was slowed, and fell to the ground. He had a headache but "Now I never want to take it off" referring to his steel helmet. Co C, 1/327 is his unit. Another Co C man feels he has only seven of his nine left. Sgt Albino Lopez was hit by a sniper's bullet. It hit a grenade on his belt, splitting it in half and knocking him down. The detonator of the grenade was hit but it failed to go off. "I was lucky on two counts, the bullet should have gotten me and the grenade should have blown. I am sure it didn't for I have a four months old baby girl at home I haven't seen, I can't afford to get knocked off."

The 1st Bn, 327th Inf., under Col. Joseph B. Rogers, knows that some VC logistician is going to be real unhappy. The Bn had just swept through a large VC training camp 30 miles northwest of Saigon. In an elaborate tunnel system, Screaming Eagles found plastic explosives, hand grenades,

small automatic arms, rice, and warm food still on the fires. Even medical facilities to include blood, equipment, and records were found. Uniforms were discovered and burned. Another VC hideout neutralized. This Bn waited for the VC to return at night. At 2:30 a.m. they did. Large numbers were spotted by Corporal Newton, FO. The word was passed to 2/230th Arty's 105's. This shoot had to be right on the nose. Fuses were set and guns laid. The men up front heard the "whoosh" as the shells passed overhead. While the target could not be seen, screaming and moaning was heard. Fire was continued during the night. At first light, Tiger Force of the 327 moved forward. Not a body was found. The VC had demonstrated again that they are highly disciplined and had carried out dead and wounded beneath the continuous artillery fire.

THE 502ND AIRBORNE INFANTRY also had its share of action. Pvt Larry Greenhill, Co A, 2/502, arrived fresh from jump school. Two hours later he was on a patrol and when he returned 48 hours later, three of his comrades were dead and two wounded of the eight that started the patrol. Sent on an infiltration observation mission, the patrol was discovered and during the next 24 hours beat back five VC attacks by a force 4 to 5 times their number. Said Sgt. Robert Drake, assistant patrol leader: "For a new guy, Greenhill fought like a veteran. He earned the praise of everyone of us for his coolness and bravery." In this action, the patrol leader, Sgt. Gene Hawthorne was badly wounded but called for artillery adjusting by sound of the enemy and the bursting of the rounds. "Give me a couple quarts of blood and I'll be ready to go again," was his words. The patrol was 5000 meters from their camp and in position when about 9 o'clock a VC walked into the middle of their concealed position—and was off like a rat. Then came the attack from the jungles, yelling, screaming, and shooting as they came. The first attack was beaten off, the second saw several Screaming Eagles wounded, in the third, a booby trap killed one man and wounded Sgt. Hawthorne in both arms. This gave away the position and other attacks followed in which Sgt. Hawthorne kept up his fire while adjusting artillery support. "Everyone stayed calm and cool because of the way Sgt. Hawthorne acted. He just wouldn't give up. He's a real leader." Sgt. Hawthorne said, as he was carried aboard a helicopter for medical evacuation, "I'm going in for a refill and I'll be back."

In the 2nd Bn, 502, PFC Richard Rhoden, in an action 50 miles NW of Qui Nhon, was wounded by shell fragments when his unit was engaged by a VC force of twice its size. As he tended his wounds, a bullet entered his helmet and traveled in an arc over his head to exit from the rear. PFC Phoden has a new helmet but will never part with the old one.

PFC Andrew Wright, B/502, a few months ago, parachuted onto the machine gun range of a VC training camp. A grenade landed near him but the soft mud absorbed the shrapnel blowing him out of a ditch. Recently, a bullet was deflected from a tree smashing him in the chest but not pene-

trating. "Two out of three," was his comment as he picked up the spent bullet. Later, while on perimeter duty, a vicious fire fight a night broke out. When it was finished, Andrew was carried to the rear by med-evac helicopter. He did not die but the war was over for Andrew Wright.

Sgt. Fred Myers and 10 other Screaming Eagle Hatchmen from 1/502 spent a harrowing night 40 miles NW of Siagon. Surrounding the Eaglemen, the VC moved so close that artillery support was impossible. Time and time again they attacked. A flare ship was called which illuminated the area helping to keep the VC from probing until the sun came up. "I was so scared even my whiskers turned gray" said Sgt. Myers. One man remarked, "I sure won't feel bad about collecting my combat pay this month."

The men of the 2/502 have been adopted by Miss Diana Willis, Playboys Magazine's December Playmate. Miss Willis, who has a brother in Vietnam wrote, "I've got him and a whole batallion to worry about, because I am adopting all of you." Some Sister! Boys. WOW!

Appreciation is expressed to Capt Apfel and his staff, Information Office, 1st Bde, for stories received direct and through the Information Officer, 101st Abn Div. and Ft. Campbell which appear in this issue.

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SGT BERNARD GORDON'S EAGLE EYE REPORT. Since the last issue of The Screaming Eagle we have received many letters and clippings for Sgt Bernie Gordon, Btry A, 320th Arty, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div., APO San Francisco 96347. We also received a number of gifts—two beautiful Vietnamese dolls, four Bush hats, a raincoat, Air-Viet Nam travel bags, some posters, and issues of local newspapers. Several of these items were sent on to the Pratt Museum at Ft. Campbell. Bernie is still there "scrounging and scuffing" for his unit. From Ben Cat, near the Iron Triangle, Bernie reports five men KIA as the roads were mined. The VC detonate explosives and unexploded HE and WP bombs electrically—one was bent into a U—our own Arty doing a good job. While on outpost in the rice paddies, it rained and the FO team had to pull back to a dike. Bernie said they really smelled but sent us \$10 but it just smelled like the green stuff to us—thanks for the contribution, Bernie. No one had been in this area since 54. B, 1/327 took large supplies in this area including U. S. arms and documents. Chaplain Bower's sermon was interrupted by sniper fire. But the boys kept singing. The Arty pulled back by leap-frogging finding booby traps and mines had been planted by the VC behind them. The 17th Cav, and infantry units moved by copter while WP was used along with air strikes. This is where Bernie got the posters he sent us. The 327 and 502 boys lost men in this area. Bernie got a fruit cake we sent him and his men. It must have been good (rum soaked) for Bernie wrote us quite a piece on the Bridge of Heaven in Japan describing a Shinto Temple which is looked at with head between the legs. This way you see Heaven

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and Earth. Isn't there an easier way, Bernie? On the 20th of Dec., they were at Bein Hoa with the Big Red One Division providing security along the route of march. Bernie gave the fruit cake can to some kids along the way—they had a squabble over it. A pack of Camels was traded for another VC poster for the Museum. The Big Red ONE's self propelled guns have moved in and kept the night alive even blowing out the candles. It was "Charge 7" and "Fire" to keep the VC off balance catching one VC Regiment in its fire. Bernie feels the war has reached a transition point and we must keep up with the time or be lost in the shuffle. He quotes the VC as saying, of the 101st, "Who are these soldiers who have these small black rifles and eat out of cans? They come out of the jungles, the rice paddies, the countryside. Unafraid, they come, as if they **own** the country." One PFC when nicked by a sniper said, "Take it easy fellows, these jokers are using real bullets." Bernie sent us some translations of Vietnamese noting another 250lb bomb found near his position. He reports the VC bury their dead by carrying them to a rice paddy, submerging them, and staking them down Dracula style. While in a rear(?) area, Bernie got 37 letters and a bath, threw away the old clothes, and a plane ride. Some replacements arrived Christmas Day with shined boots and belt buckles with the Christmas meal. Bernie didn't go for this but did sneak in the meal. Bernie got a card from Jan Driessen of Holland and some stationary from your Secretary. (Gotta keep him writing for the S. E.). He scrounged or "scuffed" the stuff to fix up the tents and eating spots from ammo boxes, etc—a little at a time. He sent us some poems that appeared in The Stars and Stripes entitled Boondock Bards. Rather good and reflecting the mood of those in Vietnam from loneliness to what they think of draft card burners. Bernie received a letter from Chicago Chapter with some envelopes. He is worried about those packages he sent in Oct—here it is Jan—wants to know if the boat went home via Africa. Two days later, Bernie, your packages started to arrive as the boat had engine trouble and had to return to port. Bernie talked with a Japanese near Phan Rang and says this man knows America is right about Viet Nam. The man was surprised at Bernie's Japanese. (After what we have heard from Bernie, we are not surprised at anything this old soldier knows or does). Then there was a gap in Bernie's letters for awhile but on 21 Jan we heard from him near Phan Rang. He was glad we heard from Lt. Boyd as he thinks highly of him and they exchange letters. He sent us a copy of the story of the 502 that appears in this issue. More Boondock Bards poems. He tells us a 5c letter gets to VN as fast as airmail as it all comes by air anyway—but not in the order written. He notes that French measurement is used—got a pair of size 33 shoes (some man) but that is size 10 in our country. We asked Bernie to get us one of the VC pamphlets offering a reward on the head of Gen. Taylor—Bernie said he would get one—even if he had to ask the VC for it. Careful, Bernie. Was writing Fred Patheiger—also on his way to Cam Ranh bay for some more "moon-

light requisitioning." Put a tin roof over the 6 hoier and was congratulated for his carpentry—a line all day long. Received envelopes from Fred. At the beginning of Feb. he was in Ninh Thuan province with passes to Phan Rang. Bernie is careful as "he doesn't trust them" but gets along well with the little folk. They repaired his uniform, gave him ea. He has ordered some pajamas and hand bags for friends at home. Bernie is an overseas man and we got a big bang out of his letter—says you would never believe how a small town has grown—bars, shops, you know what—all with the G. I. in mind. He was looking forward to payday so he could contribute his bit. "Good Scuffing, Bernie."

SPECIAL NOTE TO SCREAMING EAGLES IN VIETNAM. 1000 copies of this issue of The Screaming Eagle were sent to members of the "Always First" Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division as a token of pride, esteem, and affection of the members of the 101st Airborne Division Association, the Association of and for Screaming Eagles; by our printer, Southwest Printers and Publishers of Texarkana, Ark. who printed the extra copies at cost; and by the businessmen and individuals indicated who send their best wishes to all of you serving in Vietnam. Cost will prevent us from doing this on a regular basis but if you would like to receive the next 5 copies of The Screaming Eagle, **send \$3.00, your rank, name, company and unit** (or other address) to which you want your copy sent to: **Secretary, 101st Abn Div Assn, P. O. Box 454, Greenville, Tex. 75401.** The magazine will be mailed promptly every two months upon publication. You will be enrolled as a member of the 101st Abn Div Assn and upon return to the States be eligible to continue your association in years to come with the men with whom you are now making history. Those enrolling are requested to keep in mind that you must notify the Secretary upon your return home for we are not an official part of the U. S. Army and do not receive address changes on individuals. We would be honored to have you combat veterans of Vietnam as members of our Screaming Eagle Association. We invite you to make this "your Association" and would welcome your letters, stories, photos, and comments.

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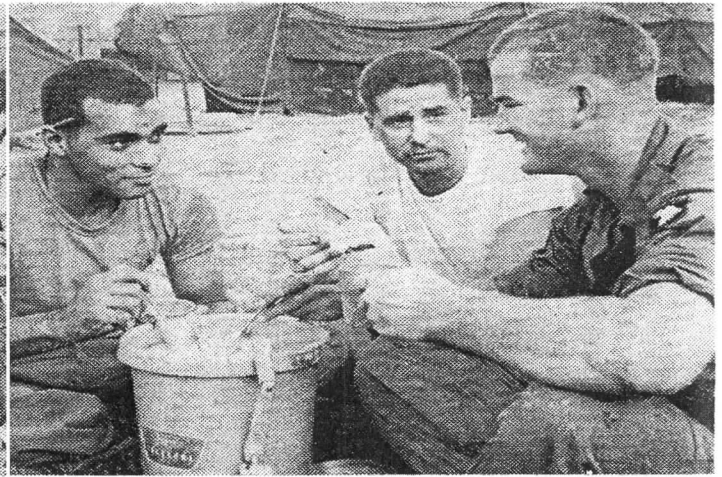


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Tigers Kill 7 NVA in Ambush, Crossing

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CHU LAI (1/327-10) — Three NVA walked along a dense jungle trail west of here during Operation Wheeler. Each was armed with a Chinese-Communist automatic rifle. They moved slowly. Their eyes searched for signs of American activity.

A few feet away, an element of Tiger Force, 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. lay in ambush. Their camouflaged fatigue uniforms blended into the brush.

Sgt. Ervin Lee, Anniston, Ala., moved his hand slightly to alert his forces.

The jungle seemed to hold its

breath — then a burst of fire from paratrooper weapons shattered the silence.

A second later the silence rushed back.

Three NVA lay motionless on the trail. Moments later the Tigers leaped from their concealed positions, retrieved the three enemy weapons and moved out quietly.

The Tigers saw a stream in the distance and approached it with caution. The pointman signaled signs of enemy activity. The Tigers melted into the brush. Each man carefully studied the opposite shore.

Ten minutes later, the point-

man eased the safety of his M-16 to automatic, slipped into the water and started across.

Suddenly, sniper fire broke out from the far side. The pointman lunged for the shore, his weapon blazing.

Spec. 4 Sam Ybarra, Globe, Ark., leaped from his concealment and dashed into the waist-deep stream to aid the pointman.

Other Tigers followed in small numbers and moved to flank the enemy. Only the medic and radio operator remained behind.

"Medic," someone yelled from the enemy side of the stream.

Pfc. Harold Fisher, San

Antonio, splashed into the water to answer the plea. Enemy bullets cut the air and water around him.

"Who is it?" yelled Fisher.

A groan answered.

Fisher crawled toward the sound and found the pointman bleeding from the hip. The seasoned medic ripped away the cloth around the wound and applied a dressing. "You're going to be all right, you're going to be O.K.," Fisher repeated to the wounded Tiger.

As Fisher spoke, the wounded man's rifle fired. Started, Fisher reeled back from his patient to see an NVA soldier fall to the ground behind him.

Ybarra crawled up to the two men. "Let's get him out of here, Doc," he said. "This place is swarming with 'Charlies'."


Ybarra and Fisher carried the wounded Tiger to safety through a hail of enemy automatic weapons fire.

When the firing stopped, Fisher checked his patient. He was dead.

"I was trying to save his life," Fisher said softly. "Instead, he saved mine."

Other Tigers had routed the enemy. Four NVA were dead — seven for the day. The price of victory was bitter.

A Tiger died.

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Dash for Cover

Paratroopers of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., hustle from a 176th Aviation Co. helicopter during Operation Wheeler. Sniper fire hurried the men and the helicopter quickly lifted away. (Photo by Spec. 5 Dick McLaughlin)

'Fire and Maneuver' Still Important

CHU LAI — The importance of fire and maneuver was emphasized by a 101st Airborne squad during Operation Wheeler west of here when the paratrooper element killed three NVA and drove off four who tried to thwart a water resupply mission.

"Our platoon had moved into a deserted village where we hoped to find a well," said Staff Sgt. James Miller, Savannah, Ga. "When we couldn't find water, my squad was

picked to reconnoiter for a stream."

The squad moved along a trail adjacent to a rice paddy when a burst from enemy automatic weapons forced the paratroopers of a Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf. to hit the dirt.

As the Americans returned from the fire, Miller radioed for assistance, but during the transmission static jammed the frequency. Realizing the sound of enemy automatic weapons would alert the rest of the

platoon, Miller decided to engage the enemy with his squad.

"The NVA were firing from a woodline to our front," he said. "The only way to eliminate them was to use fire and maneuver."

Miller picked five of his 10-man squad to accompany him in a flanking action while Pfc. James Meyers, New Roads, La., and others scurried across the rice paddy. When the enemy shifted to fire on Meyers, Miller's team dashed through the brush and opened fire on

seven khaki-clad NVA.

"My element unloaded everything they had to take the pressure off Meyers," said the squad leader. "Then, while the enemy tried to engage us, Meyers maneuvered his team to within 25-yards of the enemy and heaved a grenade."

The exploding grenade killed one, the others jumped and ran. Two were cut down by a burst from an M-60 machine gun; four escaped.

Miller regrouped his squad; no one was hurt. Two AK-47's were captured.

Sudden Meeting Shocking

PHAN RANG — Pfc. Reginald Jackson, Baltimore, knows what coming face-to-face with the enemy means.

"It's as big a shock to you as it is him," says Jackson, a 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne paratrooper with A Co. of the 3rd Bn. (Abn), 506th Inf. conducting Operation Rose south of here.

Jackson and his squad of the 1st Plat. had paused on a trail waiting for the rest of the company to catch up when three enemy appeared from behind a big boulder.

"We were watching for snipers," said Jackson. "Then these three guys came from behind a boulder near the bend of the trail. All three had weapons."

"I guess we saw each other at the same time," Jackson continued. "They didn't have enough time to draw a bead on us, but I swung my M-16 around and opened fire. I knocked one down, but he jumped up and followed the other two into the brush. Later we couldn't find any blood trails."

Two of the enemy were larger than local VC, dressed in khaki uniforms and equipped with load bearing equipment similar to American issue.

NVA Dud 'Ignored' By Troop

CHU LAI — An NVA mortar round fell nine inches from a sleeping 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne paratrooper near here recently without disturbing his sleep. It was a dud.

Spec. 4 Martin Bongiorno, Bound Brook, N.J., crawled under his poncho shelter and closed his eyes.

"I was almost asleep when I heard a loud 'whoosh' and a 'thud,'" said the A Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf. paratrooper. "Nothing else happened so I went to sleep."

Three hours later exploding claymores and grenades started the night. A Co. was being attacked by an estimated company of NVA.

"We fought till dawn," Bongiorno said. "I went back to my shelter and was scared at what I saw."

The paratrooper discovered a gaping hole in his poncho and nine inches from where he had rested his head in earlier sleep lay a 60mm mortar shell.

Bongiorno's only comment was: "Whew!"

Detainees Receive Special Treatment

CHU LAI — At 10 a.m. each morning a 101st Airborne MP opens the gate to the detainee center here and welcomes two persons—a paratrooper medic and an ARVN interpreter: "Morning, 'Doc'. You've got 10 today."

Spec. 4 Ernest S. Jones, Issaquah, Wash., and interpreter Staff Sgt. An Than Dug, Saigon, care for detainees who are processed by interrogation teams. Each visit lasts about two hours as the medic sees each person and treats his or her ailments. "The majority of detainees I treat have some sort of infection or skin disease," Jones said. "Minor wounds are treated by the combat medics in the field before they reach the rear."

Jones has found detainees fairly easy to care for once the communication barrier is breached. Sgt. An quickly establishes a rapport and treatment begins. "The children who come with their mother are sometimes reluctant to be treated, but grown-ups cooperate very well and often express their appreciation for medical treatment," Jones said.

There are times when 'hard-

core' insurgents are unmoved by Jones' desire to help them. "Sometimes they act like they couldn't care less whether a running sore is cleaned or not," he said.

Quite often the relief from pain experienced by one prompts all detainees to seek the same treatment. "Once I gave a man eye drops and he apparently told the others he felt so much better, the others came up and wanted eye drops in their eyes, too," Jones recalled.

"Being a medic for paratroopers and detainees is both frustrating and satisfying," he says. "We care for them not only because the Geneva Convention requires it, but because they are human beings in need and that's a medic's job," said Jones.

Sometimes when an exceptionally belligerent detainee scorns the medic as he cleans and treats a running sore or jungle rot, Jones grinds his teeth and goes about his job. "I can't think like an infantryman when I treat them," he said. "I'm a medic and my duty is to help people who need me."



Sling Load

A Chinook CH-47 helicopter of the 178th Assault Helicopter Co. delivers its critical cargo—a 140mm howitzer and its ammunition—to the battlefield during Operation Wheeler. The artillery piece was sling-lifted to the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 329th Arty. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Art Campbell)

2 NVA Blown from Sandals

CHU LAI — Two NVA soldiers were literally blown out of their sandals by a 101st Airborne paratrooper during the recent Operation Wheeler west of here.

Pfc. Arthur Kottke, Minneapolis, heard movement outside the perimeter of C Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. He strained to see what it was and found himself face-to-face with an NVA soldier who appeared as startled as Kottke.

"We just stared at each other for a second, then I cut loose with my M-16," said Kottke.

As the paratrooper fired, the enemy hit the dirt. Then, another enemy appeared and Kottke heaved a grenade into the brush. An instant before his grenade exploded, a Chinese-Communist grenade sailed out of the jungle and fell short. Both grenades exploded almost in unison.

Tension marked the night for the paratroopers, but it passed without further incident. At daybreak, Kottke walked out to retrieve his defensive flares and claymore. Next to his trip flare

wire he saw the prongs of a mine.

"I turned around and retraced my steps," he said. "We searched the area carefully and found two more."

With the mines eliminated, Pfc. Buddy Jones, Springfield, Mo., and Kottke examined the area where Kottke had thrown the grenade. They found a heavy blood trail, an NVA helmet and two pair of sandals.

"Kottke," said Jones, "it looks like you scared old 'Charlie' right out of his shoes."



Stream Crossing

Spec. 4 Michael K. Goshern, Muncie, Ind., holds his M-16 rifle at high port as he wades a stream during Operation Wheeler. Goshern is a paratrooper in A Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. (Photo by Spec. 4 Ben Croxton)

Hill Saves Sergeant

CHU LAI — A paratrooper medic in the 101st Airborne fought death for 45 minutes during Operation Wheeler recently to save a sergeant's life.

Elements of A Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. were conducting search and destroy operations west of here when Staff Sgt. Arthur D. Sowers, Columbus Ga., collapsed. His hands clutched his chest as he gasped for air.

"I thought it was a heart attack," said medic Pfc. Wesley D. Hill, Fort Mill, S.C. "He had all the symptoms."

Hill began immediate mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

"He had seizures at intervals and stopped breathing five times," Hill said. "It took six troopers to hold him down when the seizures came."

The struggle against death continued as Hill and others fought to keep him alive.

"I kept him talking as much as I could," the medic recalled. "I knew that as long as he was talking he was breathing."

Sowers responded to the medic's treatment and was slightly improved when the medevac chopper circled for the landing.

"Sowers told the guys to take his chow and water," said Hill. "Then he told me if the medevac didn't hurry up and land he was going to get up and walk back."

Minutes later the sergeant was resting comfortably in the hospital here.



Moment's Rest

Pfc. Eugene Williams, St. Louis, leans his body and heavy pack against a stone wall during a lull in Operation Wheeler. Williams is a member of A Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 562nd Inf. (Photo by Pfc. Robert Mosey)



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'Hawks' Ambush Enemy

CHU LAI — An NVA squad was taken as prey in night ambush by the Hawk Plat. of the 101st Airborne during Operation Wheeler northwest of here.

The platoon, a reconnaissance element of 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., waited until dusk enveloped the rice paddy. Moving with practiced stealth, the paratroopers crept into positions on a four-foot rice paddy dike overlooking a well-worn trail.

Pfc. Michael R. Wolverton, Los Angeles, was positioned on one end of the ambush when he was alerted by noises on the trail.

"I heard people talking in Vietnamese as they approached our ambush," he said. "There were no civilians in the area, so I knew they had to be enemy."

Wolverton nudged the man next to him and word of the approaching enemy was passed down the line.

"As they came closer we could hear them splashing in the rice paddy," Wolverton recalled. "Only three were actually on the trail."

As the enemy passed about ten feet from Wolverton's position, he opened fire. The night was illuminated by streaking tracers and exploding grenades.

One of the enemy fired a few quick rounds, but was countered with overpowering fire. Another threw a grenade which exploded near Wolverton and inflicted a slight shrapnel wound in his neck.

The token NVA resistance was quelled quickly by the Hawks. Silence fell again on the rice paddy. Three NVA lay dead on the trail.

"We decided to check for other bodies and leaped over the hedge which lay between us and the rice paddy," said Wolverton.

Three NVA soldiers lay dead in the rice paddy in addition to the three that died on the trail. A seventh enemy was hit as he ran but the paratroopers were unable to capture him in the dark. Two sets of web gear and four Chinese-Com grenades were taken from the dead NVA.

Can't Get 'Careless'

CHU LAI (1/327-10)—A quick eye and a swift kick saved a 1st Brigadier, 101st Airborne paratrooper's life during Operation Wheeler west of here recently.

An element of A Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., was moving down a jungle trail when three NVA crossing a rice paddy were sighted. The paratroopers opened fire and then hit the dirt as the enemy fired back.

Pfc. William Bennett, Cicero, Ill., crawled to a clump of bushes and took careful aim with his M-79 grenade launcher. Firing the first round, Bennett stood up to see where his round hit. "I was a little high, so I adjusted and fired again," Bennett said.

Again, the grenadier stood up to watch the flight of the round. Suddenly he was knocked flat. Enemy bullets cut the air where Bennett had been standing.

"You trying to make your wife a widow?" growled Spec. 4 Thomas Bateman, Detroit, who had knocked Bennett down.



Cover, Concealment

A trooper of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. takes advantage of the dense jungle foliage to hide himself from the enemy during a recent operation. Screaming Eagle paratroopers slashed their way through miles of dense jungle in search of insurgents. (Photo by Sp4 Ben Croxton)

Run in All Directions

Three NVA Fail at Evasion

CHU LAI — Evasive tactics born of confusion failed to save three NVA soldiers when they met paratroopers of the 101st Airborne during a recent Operation Wheeler action near here.

Paratroopers of B Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. were moving along a dry stream bed toward a nearby objective. Walls of vine-covered earth rose on both sides of the twisting, turning path. Spec. 4 Eddie L. Williams, Rocky Mount, N.C.,

walked point followed by Spec. 4 Lawrence E. Pope, Knoxville, Tenn. Both were alert for signs of enemy activity.

As Williams neared a bend in the stream bed he heard sounds of movement. "It sounded like someone walking and mumbling," said Williams.

Both paratroopers dropped to the ground in anticipation of contact. Pope pushed the safety of his M-16 rifle to full automatic.

Three uniformed NVA walked into view and were startled at the sight of the two paratroopers crouching in front of them.

"They tried to go three different directions," recalled Williams. "The first two leaped to the left and right while the third tried to run back up the stream bed."

Two enemy fell dead and the third left a heavy blood trail in the brush. Williams and Pope recovered grenades and a medical aid kit from the bodies.

Dubisar Wounded 1st Day

CHU LAI — It started out to be a very short war for 101st Airborne Plat. Sgt. Wesley T. Dubisar, Elba, Ala. He was wounded during Operation Wheeler west of here on his first day in combat. Dubisar had just joined A Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. and taken over the 3rd Plat.

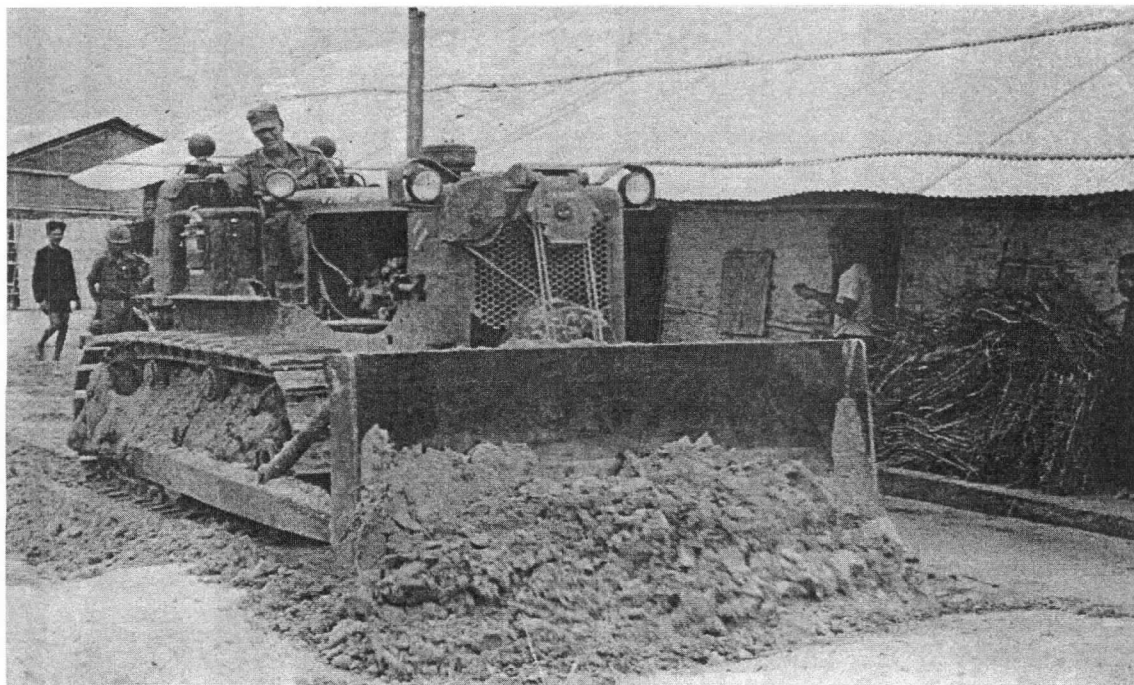
"We were being resupplied when word came late in the afternoon that one of our platoons in C Co. was pinned down," said Dubisar. "We got the mission of conducting a combat assault to help them. I was on the last lift going into the LZ." As the helicopters approached the landing zone, enemy ground fire was heavy. "The ship on our right took a hit and then our bird got one," Dubisar recalled. "It wasn't anything serious, so we went on in."

The relief company quickly organized and began moving toward C Co. "It started raining as we moved out," Dubisar said.

Once the situation was controlled by the paratroopers, A Co. gave their food to the sister company and returned to their original position. "We got back about 6:30 a.m.," said Dubisar. "We sacked out to wait for resupply." Mortar shells began falling on the American position as they rested.

"We started dispersing when the rounds began coming in," Dubisar said. "Some of them landed within 50-meters of our position. I was moving as fast as I could when I heard this round coming in. I hit the ground and all of a sudden it felt like a swift kick in the seat of my pants. The concussion carried me about 15-feet. The medics patched me up and I was evacuated to the hospital."

Dubisar's first day in combat ended.



Building Roads

Paratroopers of A Co., 326th (Abn) Engineers graded roads for villagers of Ly Tra as part of a civil affairs project of the brigade. Here an engineer employs his bulldozer to cut roads where only narrow footpaths once existed. (Photo by Spec. 4 James Lehr)

Brotheron Shunning 'Charms'

CHU LAI—Pfc. Larry B. Brotheron, North Kingston, R.I., a machine gunner with the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne is shunning rabbits' feet, four-leaf clovers and lucky charms.

He doesn't think he needs them. He escaped death twice while fighting in Operation Wheeler near here.

Moving across an open field with the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., Brotheron got a faceful of mud diving from enemy sniper fire. When the sniper was located and his squad prepared to assault, the paratrooper lunged to his knees only to be driven back on his seat.

"I didn't know what hit me until I swung my M-16 around to fire," he said. "Then I noticed the two holes in my rifle's hand guard. The rifle was the only thing between those bullets and my chest."

Brotheron's second brush with disaster occurred as his squad moved past an NVA hidden in the brush. The paratrooper spotted the enemy, but was looking down the barrel of an AK-47 rifle. I moved toward him and grabbed his arm," Brotheron said. "He never did fire. He was too high on dope or something. All he did was grin at me."

Brotheron's buddies marvel over his continued good fortune. "Just lucky, I guess," he says.

Jumpers All

Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade are eligible to become members of the 101st Airborne Division Association. A quick check with your 1st Sergeant will give you all the details.



Oscar at Chow

Oscar, a Vietnamese dog that has gained the favor of Brig. Gen. S. H. Matheson, brigade commander, investigates a can of C-rations near the tactical operations center (TOC). Oscar, in reality a lady, is expecting a litter of pups soon. (USA Photo)

Old Man, Boy Protected

Endangered Villagers Saved By Paratroopers Who Care

CHU LAI — Five paratroopers of the 101st Airborne saved the lives of two Vietnamese civilians recently when the Americans responded to NVA sniper fire during an action west of here.

A Co. of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., established its perimeter on a hilltop commanding the surrounding area. At the base of the hill was a small cluster of native huts.

Earlier in the day the paratroopers had checked the huts and found an old man and little boy. They left them alone.

As darkness fell sniper fire began peppering the paratrooper position.

The sniper was pinpointed somewhere within the cluster of huts. Rather than kill innocent people and miss the chance to take a prisoner, five men volunteered to get the sniper.

Led by Lt. Thomas J. Lowrie, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., the paratroopers moved down the terraced hillside, using dikes for cover. Rain helped conceal their advance.

"A man ran into the jungle as we closed in," said Lowrie.

They did not chase him. "He might have been a decoy to lead us to an ambush," said Pfc. John E. Starr, Columbus, Ohio.

The paratroopers first re-

moved the old man and little boy. Then they searched the hut — two men went on one side, three on the other.

An NVA soldier tried hiding in a bunker under the floor of a hut. When he refused to surrender they grenaded him.

"We brought the old man and little boy back," said Lowrie. "They might have gotten hurt down there."

They Lead Harsh Life

CHU LAI — A small group of Vietnamese villagers sat huddled in the corner of a dingy, mud-walled hut west of here. Their faces mirrored the harsh life they lived under Communist control. Even small children stared with empty faces.

Capt. Harold McGaha, Franklin, N.C., surveyed the pitiful scene. "These people are so pathetic," he whispered to Plat. Sgt. Camillo Gonzales, Sacramento, Calif. Gonzales, a veteran of nearly four years in Vietnam, shook his head slowly and said: "Yes sir."

McGaha radioed for a helicopter to evacuate the people to the South Vietnamese refugee center at Tam Ky. As he made his request, the members of Tiger Force, 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., searched their rucksacks for food they would give the hungry. Spec. 4 David Brocki, Muncie, Ind., dug out his coveted peaches and pound cake. "They look hungry," he said simply.

Old Advice Still Sound For Battle

CHU LAI — Eighteenth century soldier Maj. Robert Rogers didn't know it, but his wise counsel to Rangers in 1759 was effective in fighting insurgent forces 18 miles west of here where the 101st Airborne's Operation Wheeler inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

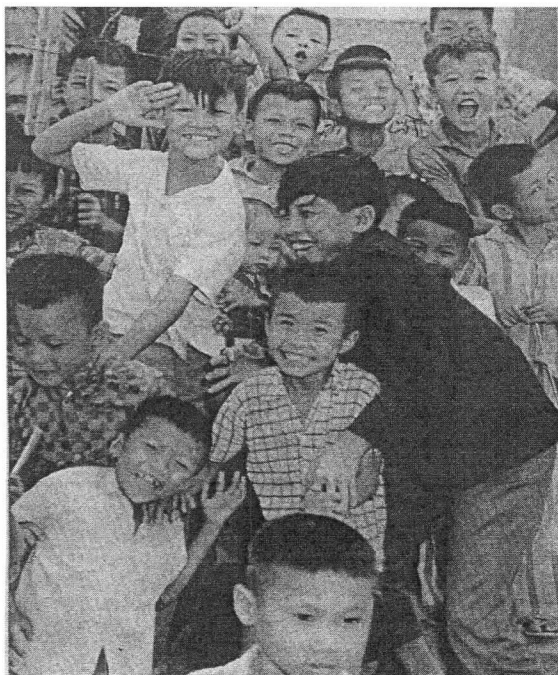
Capt. Edgar F. Burch, Boulder, Colo., read rule 15 to his paratroopers of B Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf.: "Don't sleep beyond dawn. Dawn's when the French and Indians attack." Burch added: "... and Victor Charlie."

With this guidance, B Co. moved out before dawn, hoping to catch the enemy asleep.

As one patrol led by Spec. 4 George Welch, Los Angeles, entered a village, a khaki-clad figure darted from a hut. "He saw me as he rounded the corner of the hut," said Welch. "I cut him down before he realized who I was." Welch's kill was number 327 for the battalion.

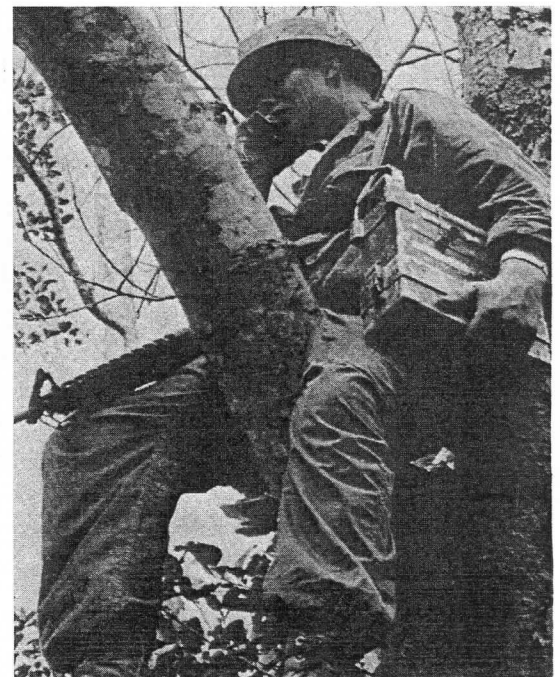
Burch's forces also discovered a rucksack containing grenades, ammunition and NVA documents.

A Vietnamese family in the area said the dead enemy was the squad leader of a sniper group operating in the valley. One of the women led the paratroopers to the base camp used by the insurgent element where the Screaming Eagles found ammunition and remnant G.I. clothing.



Laughter Everywhere

When boys get together, laughs generally abound. These Vietnamese youngsters were guests at a recent party thrown by paratroopers of the Support Battalion in Phan Rang. Smiles promise much for the future. (Photo by Spec. 5 Robert Lloyd)



Up a Tree

Radio-telephone operator, Pfc. Wade D. Hansen, Foxhome, Minn., gets good reception with his radio during Operation Wheeler. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Mangiameli)

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Hugh R. Black

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Enumclaw, WA 98022-6872

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18062 SW 41st St.
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2/327 D 8/68-8/69 - 4/09
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Page one; Dash for Cover photograph taken by Richard McLaughlin, 2/502 PIO 11/67-7/68 of Springfield, Oregon.

Page two; 2 NVA Blown from Sandals, Arthur R. Kottke, 1/327 C 7/67-7/68, of Mora, Minnesota.

Page three; Can't Get 'Careless', William R. Bennett, 1/327 A 6/67-6/68, of Springfield, Louisiana.

Page four; Old Advice Still Sound For Battle, LTC(R) Ed (Bear) Burch (1/327 B 6/67-6/68) died 12/27/2000 in a plane crash; Up a Tree, photograph of Wade D. Hansen, 2/327 B 6/67-11/67, of Breckenridge, Minnesota.



COL(R) Michael D. Fry
1/327 B 5/67- 6/67

Mail was returned for COL(R) Michael D. Fry, 1150 W. Capitol Drive, # 68, San Pedro, CA 90732-2270 marked deceased – return to sender. No other information is available.

Joe Islas
1/327 B 7/65-7/66

Notification was received of the passing of Joe Islas, born March 17, 1918 and departed this life December 15, 2008. The funeral service was held on December 17, 2008 at Neal-Tarpley Funeral Home, Clarksville, Tennessee with Rev Steve Lannom officiating.

Warren K. Kraft
326 ENGR A 7/65-7/66

Vicki Kraft wrote – Please discontinue mailings. My husband passed away in February 2008. She can be reached at 4082 S 2275 W, Roy UT 84067-2065.

Luis F. LaTorre
2/327 A 7/67-7/68

From: Carmen Ruiz LaTorre
misscar58@optimum.net

In Loving Memory of SFC Luis F. LaTorre.

Luis passed on at the age of 63 on Sept. 4, 2009.

Luis served in the US ARMY-101st Airborne Division Viet Nam 1967-1968, DESERT STORM/SHIELD 1990/1991, Army National Guard Unit 102nd, awarded – Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Viet Nam Service Medal, Parachute Badge.

Luis, also was a US Postal Police Officer, worked for the Inspection Service in JFK/AMF in NY.

He is survived by his wife, Carmen LaTorre; children, Louie J. LaTorre, Peter R. LaTorre, Brian A. LaTorre, Michelle L. LaTorre; grandchildren, Christina LaTorre, Kaitlyn LaTorre, Peter LaTorre, Alison LaTorre, Aubrey LaTorre and George McLeod III.

He will be truly missed by all family and friends. Luis was loved by all because of his giving and caring nature. He is and always will be our American Hero.

Pictures from Louie's funeral can be seen at
www.louiesfuneral.myphotoalbum.com

Frank Y. Tatom
1/327 C 7/67-7/68

After mailing renewal letters, a call was received on 10/22/09 that Frank Y. Tatom, 4 Pine Pass, Ocala, FL 34472-8048 had passed away about three years ago. No other information was given.

Henry Zimmermann
326 MED 3/67- 3/68

Stuart Zimmermann notified my office that his father, Henry passed away on September 4, 2007. Stuart was serving with the 1st Marines in Iraq in Nov 07-Nov 08 which was the cause for delay in notification of his father's death.

He can be reached at 869 Quail Pkwy, Watertown, MN 55388, 952-484-1270.

Charles Lea
326 MED D 2/67-8/67

Mail was returned for Charles Lea, 503 S. Ralston St., Sugar Creek, MO 64054-1074 marked deceased. No other information was given.

Leland Earl Studdard "Lee"
1/327 C 1/68-1/69

Leland "Lee" Earl Studdard, age 60, of Lakeview, (Alabama) went home to be with his Savior on Sept. 19, 2009.

Lee was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a lifetime member of 101st Airborne Division Association. Being a Sergeant in the Army, he honored his country with the following: Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one silver service star and three Bronze Service Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation Badge, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal, First Class Unit Citation and Parachute Badge.

Lee was born on Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. on Jan. 4, 1949. He later served the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a civilian for about 15 years. He helped with several major hurricane disasters along the Gulf Coast.

Alabama football, crafts and being with family were some of his favorite things in life.

His father, Leland Studdard, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his mother, Faye Studdard; brother, Kenny Studdard (Sharon), sisters, Sharon Kay Sanders, Donna Carter (Randy) and Nina Perozzo (Dale); daughters, Tina Michelle Studdard, Rachel Studdard and Raquel (Rockie) Studdard; and long time special love, Mary Ann Abston.

Lee was laid to rest at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Ala. on September 24, 2009, at 11 a.m. Wilson Brothers Funeral Home was in charge of all arrangements. **Published in Tuscaloosa News on September 24, 2009.**

Condolences can be sent to his sister Donna Carter, 2537 Elizabeth Drive, Pelham, AL 35124.

CWO-4(Ret) Frank Wohlfahrt
2/502 HHC 5/67-3/68

Frank Wohlfahrt passed away July 25, 2008. Pancreatic cancer took his life. Frank was proud to have served two tours in Viet Nam. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Anna T. Wohlfahrt, 1565 S. Dell Point, Homosassa, Florida 34448, phone 352-795-6073. She kept Frank's email address: <strikeforce79@hotmail.com>.



*CONCLUSION: These are the final pages of the BRIEFING PACKET.
Seven pages were published in both the July 2009 and October 2009 magazines.*

channels (particularly names and circumstances).

e. Cause of accidents - This is for a board of officers to determine, whether or not it is to be released is up to them.

f. Don't comment on foreign policy - This is left to State Department officials, not the paratroopers.

g. Don't speculate or discuss anything but your job.

3. In your letters home, there are a couple of things you should avoid. First, don't write home trying to get sympathy. In the first place your wives and mothers are worried enough about you without asking for more sympathy. Secondly, don't write about casualties in your letters. This is particularly important if the man you're talking about is from your home town. This does not mean that after a week or so if they ask you, you can't tell them. But here again, be careful. It's only common sense that you don't want your mother or wife to be the one to tell someone else's mother or wife that he has been killed or injured. Usually, official reporting only takes 48 to 72 hours. However, something might slip up and there could be a delay.

Concerning the Command Information program, the Brigade will continue to do its best to keep you informed. However, due to the distances involved and the media available, this sometimes becomes very difficult. Here are some of the media that is available:

- a. The Observer - A weekly paper published by MACV Command Information Branch.
- b. The Reporter - A weekly paper published by USARV.
- c. Pacific Stars and Stripes - A service newspaper published in Japan.
- d. Diplomat and Warrior - A weekly program published by the Brigade.
- e. The Armed Forces Radio Station - Viet Nam...has a main station in Saigon with re-broadcast stations through-out VN. It broadcasts 24 hours a day. Frequency: 820 AM 99.9 FM.

Presently, we are enjoying good community relations and it is up to you to help keep it this way. The Vietnamese are a very reflective people, and how they act depends a great deal on how you feel towards them. Be objective and give them a chance. Many units are sponsoring orphanages and even more important, have been donating their free time to helping clean the areas up. All it takes to promote good relations is good manners. Don't be a bull in a china shop. Remember: We are guests of the Vietnamese government.

SECTION IX
PERSONAL MATTERS

1. **Religious Activities:** There are Catholic and Protestant Chaplains who provide religious services for members of the Brigade. Jewish personnel should contact their Battalion Chaplain for information on their respective services. Roman Catholic personnel need not fast prior to receiving Holy Communion, except in Saigon where one hours abstinence from food and alcoholic beverages is required. Schedules of religious services are published in the Brigade Daily Bulletin. If you practiced your religion in the "STATES" you are encouraged to continue to do so here. If not, now is a good time to start.

2. **Exchange Facilities:** The Brigade PX system is handled by the PX officer and operates one central main facility in the base camp area. The PX stocks items such as toilet articles, film, cameras, beer, soda, watches, and tape recorders.

3. **R & R Program:** This program includes both in-country and out-of-country R&R. After three months in-country personnel are authorized a five day R&R trip out-of-country for each twelve month tour in Viet Nam. Current out-of-country R&R centers are located in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Tolyo, Manila, Singapore, Taiwan, Hawaii, Penang, and Kuala Lumpur. An in-country R&R center is located in Vung Tau. In-country R&R is normally three days in duration. It must be emphasized here that all Brigade personnel will not be able to avail themselves of out-of-country R&R facilities due to a shortage of adequate quotas; however maximum use should be made of available quotas, both in and out-of-country.

4. **Legal Assistance:** An officer of the Judge Advocate General Corps is permanently assigned to the Brigade. He is available to advise and assist in any legal problem areas. Two additional items should be noted here:

a. All U.S. personnel stationed in Viet Nam enjoy diplomatic immunity.

b. You are not subject to Vietnamese criminal or civil court action but are still subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

c. **Claims:** Any incident involving U.S. government property, personnel, or indigenous (local) personnel which results in death or injury to private property, must be investigated. If you are involved in any such incident report it immediately to your 1st Sgt. or Company Commander.

5. **Mail:**

a. The 1st Brigade is served by APO SF 96347, which is capable of providing all postal services, and is staffed by qualified Army Postal Clerks.

b. Mail is dispatched and received daily at the APO. The normal intransit period is five days for Air Mail and five weeks for surface mail.

c. All letter mail up to eight ounces in its most usual form is granted free transit to the United States, territories and possessions, APO's and all foreign countries.

d. Packages must be properly wrapped and have affixed a customs declaration giving contents and value before they can be mailed. Air Mail parcel post requires 88 cents postage for the first pound and eighty cents for each additional pound. Postage for parcels to be sent by surface mail to the United States and territories is based upon established rates for weight and postal zone of geographical destination.

All parcels with a declared value in excess of \$10.00, with the exception of items purchased in U.S. facilities, are subject to customs taxes. Parcels with a value less than \$10.00 purchased in-country may be granted free entry into the U.S., but must be declared a "Bona Fide Free Gift." Parcels with a value not in excess of \$50.00, if purchased from a U.S. Exchange facility, may be granted free entry under Public Law 89-368. The parcel must bear the statement, "P.L. 89-368 Value not in excess of \$50.00."

e. All packages will be opened or X-rayed by Postal Officials due to danger of bombs. If your package has film, negatives or tape recordings, be sure to write "Do not X-ray"; then write either film or tape on it.

6. Policies on Personnel Rotations - USARV REG 614-30

a. Normal overseas tour in Viet Nam is 12 months. Personnel whose current separation date will not permit completion of a normal tour will rotate on ETS minus seven days. All others will rotate on the date 12 months is completed.

b. USARV is authorized to approve request for extensions of overseas tours for any number of months from one (1) through twelve (12), except for officers in the grade of Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel. If you extend your tour in Viet Nam by at least 6 months, you become eligible for the special leave program. The Army will pay your transportation to and from any place in the free world where you may take 30 days leave that is not chargeable to your accrued leave. This may be taken after you have completed nine months of your normal tour. Additionally, officers who extend will have that fact entered in their OER.

c. When in the best interests of the service, major subordinate commanders are authorized to curtail overseas tours of Military personnel for periods up to and including one twelfth of the overseas service tour.

7. Policies on Enlisted Appointments.

a. In general, the normal appointment criteria which exists in

CONUS, exists in Viet Nam. USARV has delegated to this Brigade the authority to issue appointments based upon cumulative vacancies and the number of personnel eligible for appointment in grades E-4 - E-9.

b. Each unit reporting directly to this headquarters is required to submit a monthly report of cumulative vacancies and a list of personnel recommended for appointment to grades E-4 through E-6. Personnel meeting appointment criteria and occupying a position vacancy normally are appointed. Appointment to grades E-7 through E-9 are made based upon command vacancies and quotas issued by HQ USARV. Normally, only one in-country appointment above grade E-3 is made during the individual's 12 month tour, however, exceptions can be made for personnel who have clearly demonstrated an outstanding performance of duty.

8. Policies on Pay.

a. Regular monthly pay will be paid in military payment certificates (Scrip). As of 1 Oct 65 the use and or possession of United States currency (Greenback) in Viet Nam is prohibited. In addition to regular base pay, personnel may receive the following:

(1) Family separation allowance of \$30.00 per month for those personnel who are married.

(2) Hostile fire pay of \$65.00 per month for all personnel.

(3) Overseas pay for enlisted personnel according to rank. \$8.00 per month for E-1 to \$22.50 for E-9.

b. Personnel may if they so desire, request specific amounts (in \$10.00 increments) to be paid on pay day. The remainder to be carried forward or sent to a designated bank or to an individual by U.S. treasury check, which will be mailed by the Brigade Finance Section. Forms for this purpose will be available at the time of in-processing.

c. Executive order No. 11216 dated 24 April 1965 designates Viet-Nam as a "Combat Zone"; therefore, no withholding of Federal income taxes from wages of any member of the Armed Forces is required during a month in which any part of his service was in a combat zone. For Enlisted Personnel and Warrant Officers the monthly exclusion is unlimited; however, Commissioned Officers are limited to an exclusion of \$500.00 per month.

d. Class A conversion agents are appointed each day for the purpose of converting Military Payment Certificates to Piasters (Local Currency). The current rate of exchange is 118 piasters to \$1.00 scrip. Conversions should be made through your conversion agent or at a Finance Disbursing section to insure maximum rate of exchange. A maximum of \$20.00 may be exchanged on payday. All exchanges over \$20.00 monthly must be approved in writing by the unit Piaster Control officer.

e. To lessen our impact on the Vietnamese economy, the Brigade

has established a piaster control program. Each member of the Brigade is allowed to purchase \$20.00 worth of piasters monthly. If wisely used, this is more than enough to meet your needs. There is of course no restriction on the amount you may spend in post exchanges, and mail order service is available.

f. You will find that Viet Nam is a good place to save that nest egg you have been striving for. Both officers and enlisted men may place money in Soldier's Deposit. While you are overseas, your money will draw interest at 10%. When you process through Finance at our base camp ask about the Class "B" allotment and get your Soldier's Deposit started early. In case you are thinking of selling your car or mortgaging your home and making a big cash deposit, forget it. You can only deposit the unallotted pay you draw in Viet Nam.

9. Policy On In-Country Processing.

a. All personnel upon being assigned to the Brigade will be processed through the AG records section and the Finance records section as soon as possible. In no event will they go to their assigned unit without completing this processing.

b. Paragraph 8 above indicated some actions to be completed at the Finance Section. In addition, travel claims, dislocation allowance, and allotments should be accomplished at this time. During in-processing of your records you should insure that your DA Form 41 (Emergency Data Record) is completed and up to date. This is a very important document. Also bring to the attention of the clerk at this time any known discrepancies or entries you believe to be incorrect in your records.

SECTION X DO'S AND DON'TS

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR THE US TROOPER IN VIET NAM

1. CONCERNING THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE:

DO identify yourself with the goals and interests of the local people by following their customs, using their language, and understanding their way of life.

DO treat women with politeness and respect.

DO demonstrate to the people your knowledge of their government and your respect for its officials and laws.

DO always give the people the right of way when you drive.

DON'T attract attention by loud or rude behavior.

DON'T lose your temper or argue unnecessarily.

DON'T separate yourself from the people by an open display of wealth or privilege.

2. CONCERNING YOUR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:

DO remember security, remain alert, and be ready to react with your military skills.

DO give help and cooperation to the other Americans and Allies who are here assisting the Vietnamese people.

DO consider carefully the VC tactics before making decisions which affect the lives and property of the Vietnamese people.

DON'T forget where you are and why you are here. Always use self restraint and consciously avoid any actions which would discredit our motives and weaken our standing with the Vietnamese people.

DON'T use unnecessary force.

3. CONCERNING YOUR PERSONAL CONDUCT:

DO keep your appearance up to proper standards.

DO know and obey Vietnamese and US regulations dealing with purchases from the PX and commissary and conversion of currency.

DO call the military police when involved in an accident in which someone is injured or the property damage exceeds 1000 piasters.

DO cooperate with Vietnamese police if they are responsible for your security.

DON'T let yourself become irritated by inconvenience or differences from your usual pattern of life.

DON'T walk in large groups in any city.

DON'T travel alone at night.

4. The Vietnamese have paid a heavy price in suffering for their long fight against the communists. We military men are in Viet Nam now because their government has asked us to help its soldiers and people in winning their

struggle. The Viet Cong will attempt to turn the Vietnamese people against you. You can defeat them at every turn by the strength, understanding, and generosity you display with the people. Here are nine simple rules:

a. Remember we are guests here: We make no demands and seek no special treatment.

b. Join with the people. Understand their life, use phrases from their language and honor their customs and laws.

c. Treat women with politeness and respect.

d. Make personal friends among the soldiers and common people.

e. Always give the Vietnamese the right of way.

f. Be alert to security and ready to react with your military skill.

g. Don't attract attention by loud, rude or unusual behavior.

h. Avoid separating yourself from the people by a display of wealth or privilege.

i. Above all else you are members of the U.S. Military Forces on a difficult mission, responsible for all your official and personal actions. Reflect honor upon yourself and the United States of America.

SECTION XI

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMPANY INDIVIDUAL

1. The following is a recommended list of clothing to accompany personnel newly assigned to the 1st Brigade:

a. 2 sets fatigues (3 sets jungle fatigues are issued upon arrival)

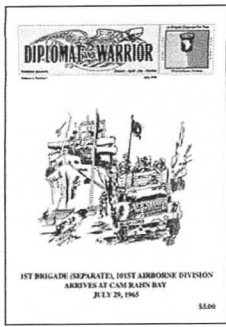
b. 6 sets underwear

c. 12 pair socks

d. 12 handkerchiefs

e. 4 towels

f. 4 wash cloths



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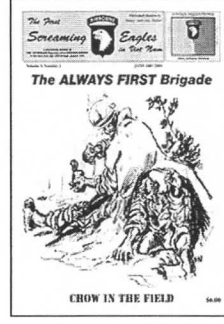
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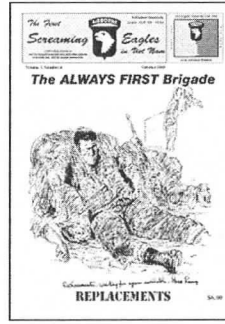
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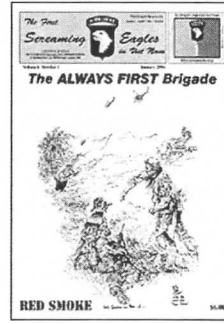
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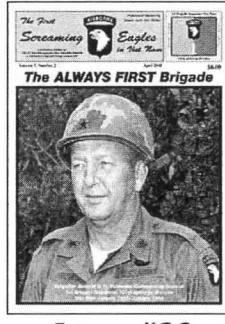
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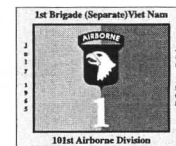
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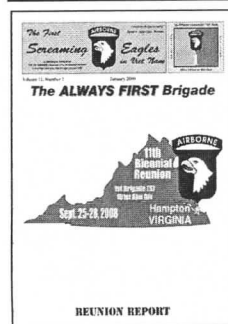
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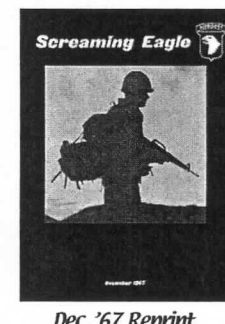
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