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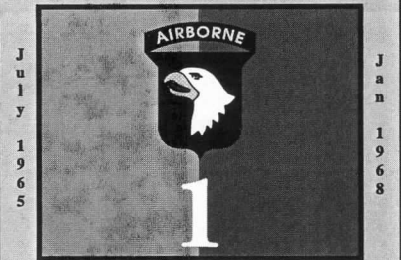
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# **The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade**



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## Death of Colonel Joseph Wasco, Jr.

[Wild Gypsy] 2/327 CO 1/66-1/67

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 8:59 AM

From: LTC (R) John W. Gilboux,  
2/327 HQ 4/66-4/67, <jwgil@att.net>

I'm sorry to tell you, the troopers of the 2nd/327th "NO SLACK" Bn., and his friends that our commander, a great soldier and respected man, died at 12:20 today. A Prayer Service will be held at 8:00 AM in The Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Virginia, followed by interment with full military honors at 8:45 AM in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

This message arrived as the final makeup of this issue was in progress. Another message, with picture, from Robert C. Hudson, 2/327 C&HHC 6/65-7/66, could not be used in this magazine. Look for more in the July 2010 issue.

See Letters to the Editor page 10

Condolences to LTC (R) James C. Joiner, 2/327 B&C 1/67-1/68, on the death of his son, Alan D. Joiner who passed away on January 9, 2010, at his home in Portland, Maine.

Be sure to check page 32 for information about the BASTOGNE END OF TOUR BOOK. This book is a masterpiece of pictures of the war in Iraq as seen by the great photographers of the First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division on their most recent tour to fight The War on Terror. Their war is a stark contrast to our experience in Viet Nam.

I really appreciate those subscribers who look at the back of the magazine and determine they need to renew the magazine subscription and then put it in the mail. This saves a great deal of expensive mailing. I have great appreciation for every subscriber because subscriptions pay for the publication of the magazine. Those who wait until after the bulk mailing is accomplished to renew, add to overall cost because I then send the latest magazine by First Class Mail.

A number of people are sending in subscriptions for two,

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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).



At the 2009 Static Line Awards (L to R) Joe R. Alexander, 3/506 A 10/67-10/68, 101st Airborne Division Association Man of the Year; MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, Editor of "The First SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam;" and CSM(R) Harvey P. Appleman, 2/327 HQ 2/67-3/68, First Brigade (S) 101st Airborne Division Man of the Year.

three and four years. I hope the magazine will be published to fulfill their long term faith in my longevity and productivity. A longtime subscription will depend on my lifespan and abilities.

You may tire of hearing about the October Reunion. It will be over, ended, on the 10th of October. My hope is that we will have a great turnout and that many of you will talk to those you served with in the First Brigade and urge them to attend. Please do not plan to put off reunion attendance for two years because I have no hope of anyone hosting a First Brigade Reunion in the future. I am sure that many of you hope my prediction of the end is not correct. I hope it is not. See more about the reunion and those who have committed to attend on page 14.

The First Brigade (S) web site has not been very active lately. Probably it is being overshadowed by blogs, face book, twitter and tweets; whatever those are. I do miss getting feedback through the guestbook. Perhaps I will become accomplished with some of the new communication means.

Please note the majority of this magazine is filled with material sent by readers who want to share their experiences and historic material they own with other veterans of the First Brigade in Viet Nam.

The front cover art is by Raymond Gregory Brown. Both front and back cover material are from the collection of CPT(R) Charles "Jim" Apodaca, 2/502 B 5/66-4/67.





# TRUNG LUONG

## C Company 2nd Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry

**CHARLIE COMPANY, 2nd BATTALION  
327th INFANTRY (AIRBORNE),  
FIRST BRIGADE (SEPARATE)  
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
BATTLE OF TRUNG LUONG,  
RVN JUNE 19-23, 1966**

*By LTC(R) Charles L. Beegle, 2/327 C 1/66-1/67*

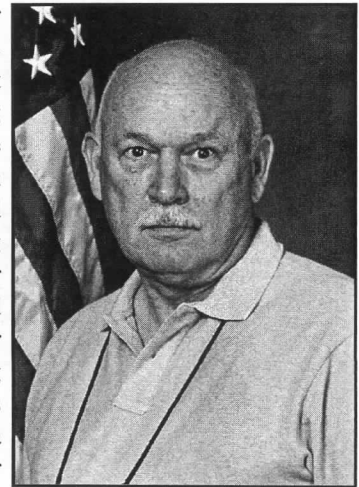
On Saturday evening the 18th of June, while in stand down at Tuy Hoa north, we were alerted to return to our company areas. We knew something was up because almost without exception, every operation we started always began on Sunday. We assembled in the operations tent with Lt. Woods, our Company Commander. The briefing followed that we were going north to find out how big the enemy force was that had overrun local south VN Army units (poplar forces) and a Special Force's CIDG Company in the vicinity of Dong Tre. There really wasn't a name to the place we were going.

First Lieutenant Luther L. Woods gave us our orders and lift assignments. 1st Platoon was to be lead and was to secure the LZ. After securing the LZ we were to move in trail behind 2nd and 3rd Platoons. Lt Woods would be with Hqs and heavy weapons section behind 3rd Platoon. We were also advised that the AT (Anti Tank) Platoon would be our reserve. We were advised that air and artillery would be used to prep the LZ. Our primary mission was to establish control of our area and link up with A Company. A Company's LZ was east of us, approximately three (3) to five (5) km. We spent the rest of the evening checking our equipment and organizing our thoughts about what we were going to do and how. Everyone was in great spirits but uneasy about tomorrow.

On Sunday morning the 19th we organized for our eagle flights for pick up. We were issued our ammo and rations for three (3) days and squad leaders were given their final briefings. We then moved to the far side of the airstrip to a barrier fence separating our base from Hwy 1. As we assembled, VN vendors and small children were attempting to sell items to my troopers. I started moving them back from the fence and a young girl about 12 years old looked at me and pointed north and said very clearly, "You go where beaucoup VC are, many VC, don't go." I didn't even know where for sure we were headed, but she did.

It was early. I really don't remember the exact time, when the first eagle flight of Hueys approached. My first squad and I loaded on the first chopper that landed while the rest of my

platoon loaded on the other four. The whole platoon was airborne and enroute to what was to become Trung Luong One (1). Our flight time seemed to take longer than expected. We were advised that the LZ was still being prepped and they slowed our approach down until it had lifted. As we approached our LZ we noticed that everything was burnt and black. Grass fires were still burning and a light grey smoke covered our LZ. There was a creek bed running east and west on our right. To our rear were dry rice fields leading up to a small rise in the distance about 300 yards from our LZ. We secured the LZ and we began to notice movement near the creek bed west side and more movement in the vicinity of the creek bed east of our LZ. I radioed to my CO, Lt Woods, that we needed to change our march order and direct every one to the creek bed and move east following it for cover. My fear was to be caught in the open with Charlie in the creek bed fully concealed. Lt. Woods changed the order in flight and the remaining platoons, after coming into our LZ, moved through us into the creek bed.



*LTC(R) Charles L. Beegle,  
2/327 C 1/66-1/67*



*Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Commanding General of the First Brigade (S), 101st Airborne Division pins a Silver Star on 1LT Chuck Beegle (LTC(R) Charles L. Beegle, 2/327 C 1/66-1/67), after the battle of Trung Luong.*

As we pulled off the LZ after Charlie Company was fully deployed, we moved to the creek bed. We immediately found the south bank of the bed covered with pungie stakes, freshly cut, and bundled communication wire running east and west through the creek bed.



*First Lieutenant Chuck Beegle  
with mascot monkey in Viet Nam*

Firing started almost as soon as we entered the creek bed and Lt. Whelan's platoon took the first casualty. One of his troopers was looking to the north just over the edge of the creek bed bank. The round went through his helmet exploding his head to the point that we couldn't take his helmet off. We started seeing camouflaged NVA jumping up and running in various directions. It was as if they were trying to bait us into following. We didn't. Firing was becoming more constant and heavier from the north.

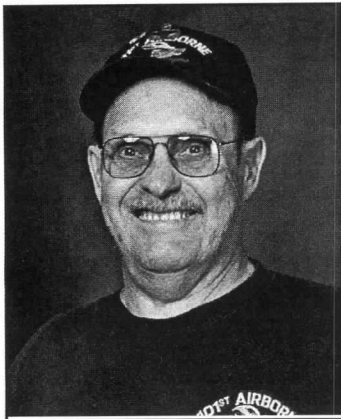


Second Platoon ran upon a battalion size cook area with the 3rd Platoon where they had killed three NVA. The NVA soldiers were young, had on new light blue uniforms, carrying new APG's, AK's and SKS's weapons. They all were clean shaven and had fresh haircuts under their head gear. What was surprising about this was their non concern with our presence and in view of all the air and artillery prep they remained in the area. All indications reflected we had heavy activity to our north, west and east. At this point no activity was noticed to our south. 1st Platoon continued to move down the creek bed and then moved to the high ground south side of the creek bed and found several small huts there. As we were searching the area an NVA ran west from our position. Sgt Mahns, one of my squad leaders, took aim and dropped him. Firing was coming from the creek bed east of us and I was directed by Lt Woods to move down the creek and find out how far we could extend our perimeter and not be exposed to any high speed approaches. I moved with two (2) squads and left two (2) squads on the small hill. As we reached the cook area we met some of 2nd Platoons troopers who said it was too dangerous to go any further. They had just killed a couple of NVA, including a sniper. I agreed but still had to find out where we could safely establish our perimeter limits. As we moved beyond the cook area, we were fired on and we engaged two NVA, killing one. The second moved into an opening into the creek bed that was running north to south. It was another high speed approach. At its entrance where the NVA disappeared it turned sharply to the right. I figured the NVA or some of his buddies were waiting somewhere behind that sharp turn. I held Specialist Stepp and the others guys back and threw my helmet into the opening. It was immediately fired on. We threw grenades and fell back to the high ground. I met with Lt Woods and gave him my report on the high speed approaches to our west and now the one to our east. He called all platoon leaders and Sgt Proctor, now AT Platoon Sgt., to give us our assignment to secure a perimeter around the only high ground we had. 1st Platoon was given the west corner to tie in the creek bed and the southwest corner of the high ground. We then would be on AT Platoons right. In the creek bed we were on the left of 3rd Platoon. 2nd Platoon, Lt. McKern, was on 3rd Platoons right and on AT Platoons left. Lt Wood with his RTO's and our mortar section were in the center of the creek bed between 1st and 3rd Platoons. All platoons by this time had taken casualties. Junior leaders were stepping up to take charge as some of our officers and senior NCO's were hit and being evacuated. On the hill to our north (Hill 258) there was major enemy movement. We now started considering setting up artillery registration points.

It was early afternoon and we were digging positions clearing field of fire. Lt. Whelan and I met with Lt Dan Larned (COL(R) Dan Larned, 2/327 A 5/66-6/67) our BFO to discuss setting up pre-registered artillery targets. While we were standing looking at Hill 258 to our north, Lt. Larned was hit in the right upper shoulder and Lt. Whelan lost the heel on his boot. We took cover and the firing continued until we started calling in artillery on the Hill 258 to our north.

That afternoon we were directed to conduct patrols in and around our positions to find out what we were up against.

Every effort was turned back due to heavy fire and a concern that started developing about being overrun or cut off. There just seemed to be more of them than there were of us. That night I was given the mission to set up an ambush somewhere to our west near the high speed approach coming into the creek bed. I only took three (3) squads and left one on the base perimeter. We went out after dark and just after setting up realized we had heavy movement coming at us from two (2) sides. I asked permission to recover from the ambush and return to the base perimeter. On approval I called in a fire



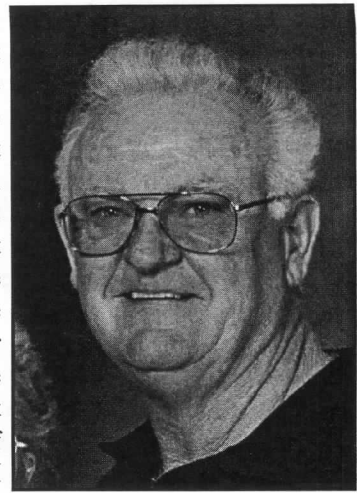
*Raymond C. Mahns,  
2/327 C 12/65-6/66*

mission on our ambush position and departed the area. We then fully set up in the perimeter and waited the night out. We were being shelled by 82mm mortars during our first night, we stayed awake all night waiting, but no major infiltration was attempted.

At first light on the morning of the 20th, platoon leaders were called to the CP where we were briefed on the need for us to determine just how big the enemy force was. 1st

Platoon and LT McKern's 2nd Platoon would move across the open area to our front (north) and move onto Hill 258 and engage what ever enemy force that was on this hill overlooking our part of the creek bed. We decided to move both platoons across on line at the same time. Artillery was called in to prep the area and then smoke was called in to cover our movement. We moved across with the smoke and got in position at the base of the hill. To our immediate front were hedgerows with short gaps of space between them. When the smoke cleared we started receiving fire from our front, from our right and from the left rear. We got up and started to move into the hedgerows and we started taking heavy casualties. Sgt Mahns (Raymond C. Mahns, 2/327 C 12/65-6/66) was my first man to go down, 2nd Platoon's medic Specialist Martin Eastham went to him and as he was bending over him was shot in the face, killing him instantly. As he slumped over, Sgt Coughlin (Dick Coughlin, 2/327 C 11/65-6/66) came to help and took a burst of several rounds that were fired from so close range that I could see the steam of his blood coming from his wounds. I then moved to my right and engaged three or four NVA and more were coming down the hill. (They were coming through body parts, dangling guts, and broken weapons parts that decorated the area courtesy of our air and artillery support). I then told everyone to take cover at the edge of the field where we had a slight depression behind a small dyke to take cover and requested all the air and artillery support I could get. In fact Lt. Woods put the FAC on my frequency and I then started directing the air support he was bringing in. We marked our positions with our orange panels which we laid on top of our helmets. I asked that anything above the panels be considered unfriendly. Gunships, HU-1Bravos were the first to come in and our FAC said for us to keep our heads down, not just for our protection but because we didn't want to see how

many of the bad guys were coming at us. F-4s were next and then the A1-E's. We were now starting to receive heavier fire from our right rear and I asked if 3rd Platoon could do anything to help us out. Bill's platoon put suppressing fire on the tree line that ran parallel to the high speed approach to our east. Once artillery started we started figuring out how to get back to our perimeter. Of Note: In the hedge rows I found that the NVA had dug in individual positions about four (4) foot deep into the hedge row. They were well concealed and protected from small arms fire. I will discuss this issue later on the third day of battle.



*Dick Coughlin,  
2/327 C 11/65-6/66*

Our plan was to disengage with the 2nd Platoon pulling out first and 1st Platoon last. We were to make sure everyone was recovered and we would use smoke cover from our own heavy weapons section. Once we had good smoke cover, Lt. McKern with his platoon pulled out. Once he was across, I directed my squads to pull out one at a time and I would be with the last squad. We would pull back only after everyone else had gotten across. We did pull out taking two more wounded, both slightly. As we ran across the open field, I carried Pfc. Small, one of the wounded. (Now we were all back together once more.)

That afternoon I believe Lt. Woods directed 2nd Platoon to move towards A Company to link up via the creek bed. Lt. McKern ran into fortified positions and heavy small arms fire and had to return without contacting A Company. In doing so 2nd Platoon left two (2) squad leaders who were killed in front of fixed bunkers that had been set up to establish inter-locking cross fire in the creek bed. I was directed to move down the creek bed again to the west. We did and immediately observed several NVA with heavy camouflage run from us down the creek bed.

Instead of giving chase we called in artillery and returned to our perimeter. All during the day artillery was being fired and air support came in. Our artillery and air support had to be alternated between A Company and us. Air support was so close, that some of the wounded waiting for evacuation were wounded again from the 500lb bombs being dropped by the Air Force.

That day got even worse for all of us when we observed B Company's attempt to land on top of the hill that we had been at the bottom of. Heavy caliber green tracer fire was streaking across the top, choppers went down. Knowing what we were actually seeing, what was happening to the B Company troopers, many of us fell to the ground on our knees crying openly because there was nothing we could do to help them. B Company was not able to join us. We heard rumors that the Marines had refused to assist and the Air Cavalry was coming. We were too busy trying to protect our defensive position and survive this nightmare to worry any further about who was doing what.

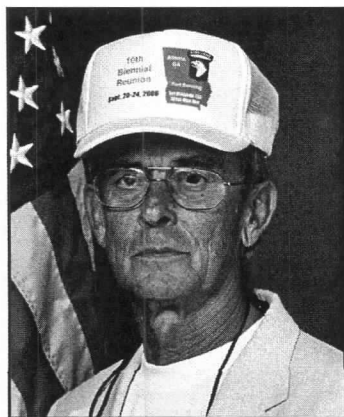


That night we were still being probed, shelled by their mortars and claymores were being set off. We noticed to our north all along the side of Hill 258 movement with lights. The NVA were moving around south of B Company without concern. I wasn't able to keep any Listening Posts out, there was just too much movement and contact. Such defensive measures were really unnecessary. We knew where they were and they had us surrounded.

That night in the middle of our perimeter we found a single NVA soldier just wandering around. He was almost taken prisoner. AT Platoon was receiving heavier probes than the rest of us. They had also encountered a couple of NVA soldiers walking around in their positions. I believe both were killed but only after they took casualties. We survived our second night with light casualties from their mortar fire. Just before dawn on the 21st, our start of the third day, it got real quiet.

We felt we had enough movement earlier that it was just too quiet. Lt. Woods was advised that we felt firing a final protective fire we could influence whatever the NVA might be doing. Sgt John Burke (SFC(R) John Burke, Jr., 2/327 C 12/65-12/66), fire team leader under Sgt Mahns, sounded the alarm to cause the FINAL PROTECTIVE FIRE to be executed and saved our company from being overrun. Part of an NVA Company was on their final phase of creeping up on the AT Platoon and 1st Platoons side of the perimeter. We opened up with two machineguns and grenades causing the NVA to continue sliding south away from our fire. AT Platoon and 1st Platoon received more casualties, but we got more of them than they did of us. We went out to sweep our front and counted several dead NVA and recovered two prisoners.

That morning was spent cleaning up. We knew for sure that the Air Cavalry (First Cavalry Division) was coming in to relieve us. We were used to being surrounded, but our numbers were getting low. The Cavalry landed where our B Company couldn't and they came down our infamous Hill 258, picking up enemy weapons and equipment by the armloads without



*COL(R) Dan Larned,  
2/327 A 5/66-6/67*

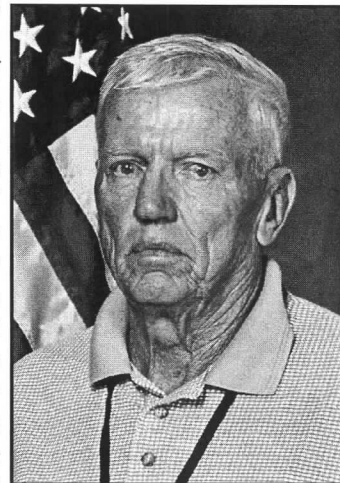
being fired on. Once they came into our perimeter we heard them say they didn't think we had a problem and were wondering why they were here. Needless to say we had nothing to add to their comments because we were so happy to see them. Once we were pretty sure we had control of Hill 258.

The Cavalry came down, we went across again to the same place we had been two days earlier. We found some of our equipment and we found the

positions the NVA had dug in the hedge rows, as I discussed earlier. The positions were on a line with each other, about one (1) foot apart. There were over 40 positions on line in each of the first four hedgerows. Every position had at least one body in it and some had more than one. All of the bodies on top had

some type of wash cloth over their face. There was no effort on their part to remove their dead or their equipment.

We later tied everyone in and sort of looked on as the Air Cavalry began to move all of their equipment in with more choppers than we had ever seen. That night we felt pretty good about our position. We were hit hard by at least a company size unit. The primary point of their assault was to our south where AT Platoon was dug in. We adjusted 1st Platoon's position to help cover AT Platoon moving in tighter to their front. The Cavalry helped but most of the fighting was still done by C Company. We were not aware that from almost the first day we were under operational control of the First Air Cavalry, under the command of Hal (Gunslinger) Moore.



*SFC(R) John Burke, Jr.,  
2/327 C 12/65-12/66*

The Commander of the NVA unit assaulting us was captured during our sweep of the perimeter. We killed or wiped out his entire company. This fighting lasted for over four (4) hours. Two less than half strength platoons against an NVA Company.

On the morning of the fourth day we were getting ready to be fully relieved but we had some things to clear up first, namely the retrieval of 2nd Platoons two squad leaders. This task fell to the 1st Platoon. On this same day I was promoted to First Lieutenant by the Commanding General of The Infantry School, who was on a battlefield tour.

In route down the creek bed we were shelled and I was wounded. We were then attacked, after repealing several NVA with no losses, my platoon Sgt., SFC Arnold moved in and 1st Platoon collected the two fallen troopers from 2nd Platoon. We returned to the command post and I was evacuated with the two dead troopers, which cleared the way for us to be fully relieved by the Air Cavalry. I was further evacuated to the 8th Field Hospital in Nha Trang. C Company was pulled out the next morning on the 5th day.

This account provided by the undersigned is attempted from memory, to recall an event that happened 38 years ago. I hope that all the troopers I served with will forgive me for not remembering their names. Their memory will always be with me. They served with honor and a steadfastness that represented the full spirit of the 101st Airborne Division and its veterans that went before us.

NO SLACK  
Charles L. Beegle (2/327 C 1/66-1/67)  
LTC(R) USA



# AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

Family seeks to have Distinguished Service Cross awarded for a later Special Forces action upgraded to the Medal of Honor.

September 15, 2008 @ 12:00 AM

By: CHRISTIAN ALEXANDERSEN

THE HERALD-DISPATCH HUNTINGTON

Sgt. Jackie L. Waymire of Huntington died 41 years ago while fighting for his country in Vietnam.

His parents, Ann and Paul Waymire, are still fighting to have his memory and bravery properly honored.

Jackie Waymire was killed in Vietnam on Jan. 9, 1967, when his base camp came under automatic weapons fire from a reinforced Viet Cong platoon. He led his platoon on an assault against the insurgent flank and killed three of the attackers before he was fatally wounded, according to military reports. He served in both the Army's 101st Airborne Division and the Special Forces.

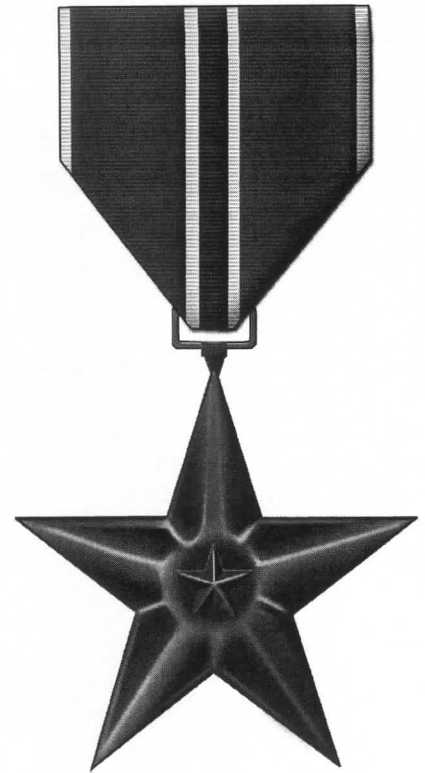
Jackie Waymire was recommended for and subsequently awarded the Bronze Star Medal with V Device for heroism in June 1966 and awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second-highest military decoration for a member of the United States Army, posthumously for his actions on Jan. 9, 1967.

His parents are hoping their son's brave actions on Jan. 9, 1967, would qualify him to get an upgrade from the Distinguished Service Cross to the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration from the U.S. government.

The Waymires said they don't want the upgrade to give their son more recognition or for fame but because they were originally told their son was going to receive the medal. Following their son's death in 1967, Ann Waymire said she was told by her son's lieutenant that his actions were deserving of the Medal of Honor.

After years of waiting, the Waymires have taken it upon themselves with the aid of a man who served with Jackie Waymire and a local veterans advocate to appeal to Rep. Nick J. Rahall, D-W.Va., for the award.

"This is not about me and Paul, it's about Jackie," Ann Waymire said. "Vietnam was an ugly war. When the soldiers came back they were spit on. We feel that was probably the reason (the military) didn't go forward with the Medal of Honor."



Paul Waymire hoped time would not be a factor in the decision for awarding a higher honor. In the "Request of Review of Combat Actions of Sgt. Jackie L. Waymire," handed in to Rahall's office in late-July, it was noted that several Vietnam War veterans received the Medal of Honor in the late-1990s. Paul Waymire said no matter the decision, he is still proud of his son and his accomplishments.

"If he gets it, he gets it," Paul Waymire said. "If he doesn't, then being awarded the DSC ain't nothing to be ashamed of." Ron Ferrell, the man responsible for getting a Huntington bridge named after Jackie Waymire, has teamed up with Anthony Bellantoni, who served with Jackie Waymire, to aid the parents in going through the process of upgrading his military decoration. Ferrell and Bellantoni estimated the process could take up to two years to complete.

Shari Lawrence, deputy public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Va., said there are a number of stages the review must go through before it would be upgraded. First, Rahall needs to send Jackie Waymire's report to the Army Human Resources Command for initial review. The report is then reviewed by the Senior Awards and Decorations Board made up of "very senior officers," one non-commissioned officer and a Medal of Honor recipient.

Lawrence said the board sends their recommendation to the Secretary of the Army, the first level of possible denial. The Secretary of the Army has the authority to deny the request. If approved, the report gets sent to the Secretary of Defense, who has the second level of denial. Lawrence said the Secretary of Defense can receive advice upon request from the Commander of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to make the decision.

If moved forward, Lawrence said the report is sent back to the Army Human Resources Command then forwarded to the White House. The president has the final word in approval. If the report is rejected, new evidence must be brought forward before an appeal can begin, Lawrence said.

"During Vietnam, (soldiers) were just trying to stay afloat," Lawrence said. "Trying to fill out paper work and getting witness statements got very difficult."

Though she's not informed on the details of Jackie Waymire's report, Lawrence said the report could have already gone through the process when he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in 1967. Lawrence said Jackie Waymire might have already been recommended for the Medal of Honor by the person who submitted the report in 1967, but could have been downgraded during the process. She said she will know more when she receives his report.



"There is a very fine line on what constitutes a Distinguished Service Cross or a Medal of Honor," Lawrence said.

"We're not going to cry if he doesn't get it," Paul Waymire said. "But this is the last stand we can take for Jackie."

Paul and Ann Waymire, 84 and 81 respectively, said they hope the process doesn't take too long. Though the Waymires are in good health, Ann Waymire said they want to live long enough to see her son's memory honored with the Medal of Honor.

*Editor's Note: Anthony Bellantoni, 2/327 A 1/64-65, 47 Prescott Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605-3105, sent more material than could be used in this story. A bridge in Huntington, West Virginia, has been named to honor Sgt. Jackie L. Waymire. Please add to this story if you have additional information.*

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

WAYMIRE, JACK L. RA15688393 SERGEANT E5 United States Army  
HHC, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 4 January 1966 through 18 March 1966

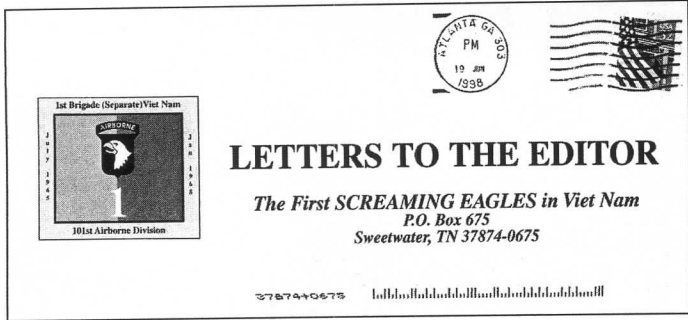
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Waymire distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions from 4 January 1966 through 18 March 1966 while serving as senior scout of a long range reconnaissance platoon during numerous patrols in the Phu Yen District, Republic of Vietnam. These six man patrols were well beyond the range of normal supporting fires and in areas untouched by his brigade. With complete disregard for his safety, Sergeant Waymire maneuvered within meters of the unsuspecting Viet Cong. On several occasions, he came under hostile fire from numerically superior Viet Cong units. At all times, Sergeant Waymire rendered accurate and timely intelligence reports to his superiors. Sergeant Waymire's devotion to duty and personal bravery were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.







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Ivan,

Concerning the idea of trouble finding hosts for future Brigade reunions -- here's my impute for whatever value it maybe. Why not have our Brigade reunion coincide with future WOE dates -- our reunions and WOE are biyearly events? I for one enjoy the interaction with the active duty troops more than site seeing and shopping trips. As for hospitality rooms or dinners I'm sure that could be worked out. Our Brigade is tied to the active duty division because of history and I can't think of a better place to hold our reunions.

+ MAJ(R) BURRWOOD YOST, 2/502 C LRRP 12/65-7/67  
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Ivan,

Just received the October issue of The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam and as always enjoyed the articles. Was surprised to learn of John Yeager's passing. He was a great guy and good friend. Thanks and keep up the good work!

Best Regards, Bud Yost

+ STEPHEN D. EICHERLY, Det 3, 3rd RRU 7/65-2/66  
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Ivan,

A while ago you printed two photos of MPs I was trying to locate from VN. I received a call almost immediately from another MP who identified both of them by name. I just confirmed, through speaking with his widow, the death of Wendell L. Copley.

I have attached the obituary and photograph in case you want to make mention in the newsletter. I don't know for sure but I don't think he was a member.

I am still working on locating the other MP, James Quick, but have no real leads, just constant Internet searches resulting in lots of disconnected telephone numbers.

Thank you for all of your assistance.

*Editor's Note: See Obituary for Wendell L. Copley on page 27.*

+ RODNEY C. EADES, 1/327 A 63-65  
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rodneyeades@aol.com

Ivan, my name is Rodney Eades. I was with the 1st Brigade in A Co. 1st 327 3rd Platoon with Sergeant John T. Humphries as our Platoon Sgt. I was only with the 1st Brigade for about three months in July/August/September 1965. I left the Brigade from Anh Khe in late September 1965. Over these last 45 years I have agonized and guilted myself so much for not serving or reenlisting with the Brigade and fulfilling a one year period of service with the Brigade. I have cried so much over the years because of this. I wonder if you are in possession of any photos of the 1st Brigade Color Guard or the landing ceremonies the day we debated from the El Tinge at Cameron Bay? I remember that General Westmoreland greeted us at that ceremony and roused us mightily with the words, "I need some Screaming Eagles here," at that ceremony. I would appreciate it greatly if you could assist me in any manner, which might help me obtain a picture of the landing ceremonies and the Color Guard unit at that ceremony. I close with the words, "Abu's The Best The Hell With The Rest." Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

*Editor's Note: A number of arrival stories, pictures and drawings have been used over the past years. Check the inside back index of the published magazines on the web site.*

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Ivan, how are you? Well I hope. Just want to let you know again how much I look forward to receiving the Always First Bde magazine. The reprints of '65 - '67 publications are terrific, especially the photos.

I just got a chance to glance through the Jan. 2010 issue, and a couple of things caught my eye. In the Vietnam Report reprint is a photo of Lt. Col. Garten with SMAJ Prieto. It is the first photo of the Colonel I have seen. I have a particular memory of him, because, when I first arrived at the 2/327 and reported in, I was flown out to his tactical CP at Tuy An. He greeted me and immediately gave me a beer, then we sat down and talked

for an hour at least. Not too long after that he lost his legs in that mine explosion. Lt. Col. Garten used my camera to take a photo of me with that Ba Mi Ba he handed me. That picture is also in my slide show. I will save the photo of him from the magazine to go with the photo he took of me.

By the way, sometime around Feb, or early Mar. '66 a huge cache of rice bags, ammo and weapons were found by a LRRP team near the base of that east-west mountain range at the southern end of Tuy Hoa valley. I was tasked to go down there, seize the estimated 40 tons of rice, and get it hauled out by coolie labor and flown to the refugee camp near Tuy Hoa North, and also see that the ammo and weapons were destroyed. Just as the last Chinook load of rice was being brought out by refugee labor, contact was made with a small group of NVA. They were apparently the point element of a larger force. A terrific fire fight developed that lasted through the night. It was the first time I saw a Puff the Magic Dragon firing its Gatling gun in combat, and it was at night. Awesome sight and very encouraging. Do you happen to recall anything about that cache and the resulting battle?

I also saw in the Jan. issue, inside front cover, a photo of you and Tim Swain, talking about Lt. James Gardner. That name seems very familiar to me. I don't know if I met him along the way, or if his name just sounds like some other name that is familiar to me, like maybe "James Garner" the actor.

I attended the birthday party for Col. Joe Wasco last Sunday. Tom Ferguson is collecting photos from all of us who took some, and will be sending a selection of them to you shortly. It was great to see Wild Gypsie. I've always had a lot of fondness and respect for him. At the party I was also re-acquainted with Lt. Al Kristenson, 4-Deuce Platoon Leader. Among the photos Tom will be sending to you might be a picture of Lt. Bob Hudson, Lt. Al Kristenson and myself, with Col. Wasco seated between us. We all knew each other and served in 2/327 in '66, and all of us appear in photos in my album and slide show.

God willing, I will see you at the reunion in October!  
Best Regards, Chuck Payne

*Editor's Note: Chuck, thanks for the letter. I do not recall the rice removal you write about but that may be because I did not arrive until May 1966. I look forward to getting the material from Tom for the story of the Wild Gypsy birthday party. I have searched my files for Al Kristenson and find nothing. Do you have his address? Great to hear from you! Have you considered turning some of your most important slides into digital images and sending to me to print in the magazine?*

## U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ LTC(R) BILL R. ROBBINS, 1/327 ABU 11/62-9/66, 2686 Clubhouse Drive South, Clearwater, FL 33761-3003, Cell: 252-382-2300 sent the following letter.

Reference enclosed article, Oct 2003 issue of "The Always First BDE" magazine that I recently saw. I thought I'd respond. Little late, huh?

On 9 Dec 1965, the 1-327th Airborne INF BN was convoying to the 1st INF DIV at Lai Khe. Near Ben Cat, our convoy was hit by three command detonated road mines. The first vehicle hit was a ¼ ton jeep of the Tiger Force leading the convoy. The jeep was commanded by SSG John (Dynamite) L. Hughes, he was seriously wounded and thrown up into a tree from where he was rescued; the driver of the jeep, PFC Donald Vinson's leg was blown off and he died; SGT Anthony D. Sheffield, the M-60 machine gunner was standing at the rear of the jeep manning his M-60 and was also killed.

The second road mine hit the 2-½ ton truck, the photo you printed in your magazine. The truck was hauling the last group of B Company, 1-327.

I was riding in the 2-½ ton truck immediately following the blown-up 2-½ ton truck. I was with Abu Company, 1-327.

SP4 Benny B. Coe and SP4 James R. Bailey, both of B Company 1-327, were killed as they rode in the 2-½ ton truck and others were wounded.

The third vehicle, a 106 Recoilless Rifle quarter ton jeep was the immediate vehicle following my 2-½ ton truck. It too was hit by a road mine, throwing the passengers out. None were seriously wounded. They were Lt. Charles L. Littnan, Sgt Eugene Fipps and the driver unknown, of Abu Co 1-327.

Charlie M. Musselwhite was our BN S-3 NCO and he knew all the injured involved and he helped retrieve Hughes from the tree. He can be reached at 1800 62nd Place South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712-5722, Home 727- 866-8346 and Cell 727-420-1695, e-mail: <CHARJACQM@aol.com>.

John L. Hughes is at 4051 Cedar Cir., Nashville, TN 37218, Home 615-876-6811 and Cell 615-838-7167.

I have written a book about Abu Company 1-327, 101 ABN DIV, in Viet Nam and I have devoted a chapter about this incident and I would like to put the photo of the 2 ½ ton truck in my book. If you have photos of the other two vehicles, I would also like to have a copy of them for my book. If you send the photos, please give me a release to use the photos and I will print the credits to you.

I hope to see you in Omaha, and I hope to hear from you soon. Take care, be safe, enjoy. AIRBORNE!



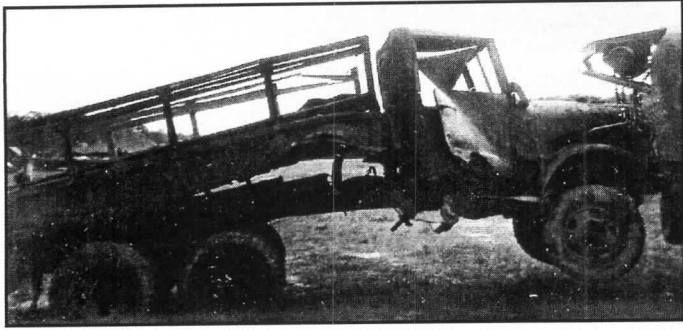
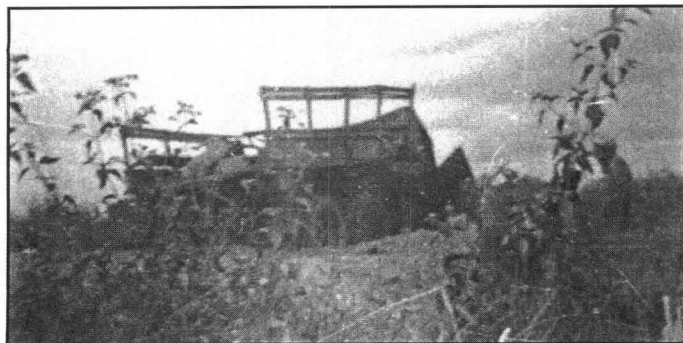


Photo sent by Richard B. Preston, 326 MED D 7/65-8/66.  
Used in the October 2003  
"The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam."

**Editor's Note:** Bill would like to know who the Battalion Sergeant Major of 1/327 was from July 1965 – July 1966. He refers to a Letter to the Editor from Richard B. Preston (326 MED D 7/65-8/66) in the October 2003 magazine.

+ DONALD C. HENSLEY, 2/320 FA A Btry 7/65-6/66, 13383 Sugar Bush Ave. NW, Mogadore, OH 44260-9211, (330) 699-5170 sent the following about the truck incident.

I was in A Btry 2/320 Arty. I was the Recon Sgt in A FO Team attached to 1/327 Inf. On Dec 9, 1965, we were going by convoy from Saigon to Ben Cat on Highway 13 (Thunder Road). We were on this 2-½ ton truck when it ran over a land mine. Many of the guys on this truck were killed or wounded.



This photo was taken moments after the blast.  
I received shrapnel wounds.

The following story is an email received from Dave Cook, 1/327 C 7/65-7/66 ELT, (cookdsmg@mint.net) to Don Hensley, 2/320 FA A Btry 7/65-6/66, (DHens101@aol.com) about the explosion of a truck.

Don Hensley wrote, "this event is about the 2-½ ton truck that I was on and how I received my Purple Heart. Dave Cook happened to be on a truck directly behind mine. I asked him what he remembered about the explosion."

Dear Don, I got your email and am glad to be able to communicate with you this way. I am forwarding a copy of this to Dave Crisler, 1/327 B 6/65-12/65, also.



You and I did talk about the event of 9 Dec '65. I remember the mine ambush this way.

My company, C 1/327, was just behind the vehicles containing B Company. Just behind us, I think, there was a semi hauling an open flat bed loaded up with 155 and 105 ammo. We were proceeding down Rt 13 toward Ben Cat and trucks were maintaining a decent interval. The only incident on the way, before the mine was detonated, was Sgt. Thurman Riddick of C's Weapons Plt accidentally squeezed off a burst of M-16 fire into a small village we were passing. No one was hurt and Sgt. Riddick, a real good guy, got a lesson in weapon safety.

As we went along I noticed the rather large amount of military junk littering the roadside in places. An old rusty jeep body here, a couple of dead APCs there. One APC I saw was destroyed by a 57mm recoilless rifle which hit it dead center in the white star painted on its side. That was the only hole I could see and it was one hell of a shot.

The convoy was slowed down by the need for the trucks to detour around a bridge that had been destroyed. The deuce & a half's had to gear down and go left off the road and across the small ravine and climb up the other side. The trucks were driven by Vietnamese and had canvas roofs and had been sandbagged. As one truck negotiated the obstacle, another would move up but they kept their interval. I was standing up in my truck looking out over the roof along with some other guys. Our truck contained C Company's Weapons Plt and was only one or two trucks back from where the explosion took place. I saw the truck heave up and what looked like a shock wave radiate out from the explosion before I heard it. I didn't know what I was looking at, I knew it wasn't good, until the sound hit us a split second later.

We unassed the trucks and took to both sides of the road and pushed out into the bushes and fields beside the road. When some B Company guys found the commo wire running from the crater to a stand of unsearched trees about 75 yards off the road we were some pissed off. The ARVN were supposed to be "securing" the road for us but the ones I saw were hanging around on the road bullshitting and talking to the locals. The whole deal looks real suspicious now in light of what we know about VC infiltration of the ARVN. I think they knew we were coming and blew that bridge to do exactly what they did. Don, you have been a police officer for a long time but the circumstantial evidence seems strong to me.

After about one hour we loaded up and continued on to Ben Cat and the "D Zone" where we operated for about one month before heading back to Phan Rang and Christmas.

After the holidays we went on operation Seagull south along the coast. This involved a near disaster when we jumped off small VN Navy boats of about 45 feet in length. C Company made an "Amphibious assault" about midnight and was to drive inland and push the local VC into some kind of death trap, which of course, was a dud.

The "assault" began when we jumped into the surf of a rising tide about 100 meters from shore. When the waves had run back seaward we all jumped into chest deep water. When the

waves came back in we were trudging along the floor of the South China Sea. I was carrying a PRC-25 and, when under water, had undone the harness and was in the "quick release" mode when the water ran back and I caught my breath before the next wave. My handset was trailing along a full length behind me and my weapon was soaked. Once ashore I was almost dead, and took my stuff off and turned to help guys I knew must be drowning. They just kept on walking and it sure was strange to see the surf recede back down the beach and see four or five troopers trudging head down up the beach. We all got ashore which I found unbelievable then and now.

We did get into a couple of minor shoot outs over the next few days and took some wounded but nothing serious. After humping around the coastal boonies for a few days we joined the rest of the 1/101 at Tuy Hoa for some hard days and nights.

Anyway Don, there is what I remember about the truck explosion. I hope this finds you and Dave well and I hope to hear from you soon. Above the Rest!! Dave Cook

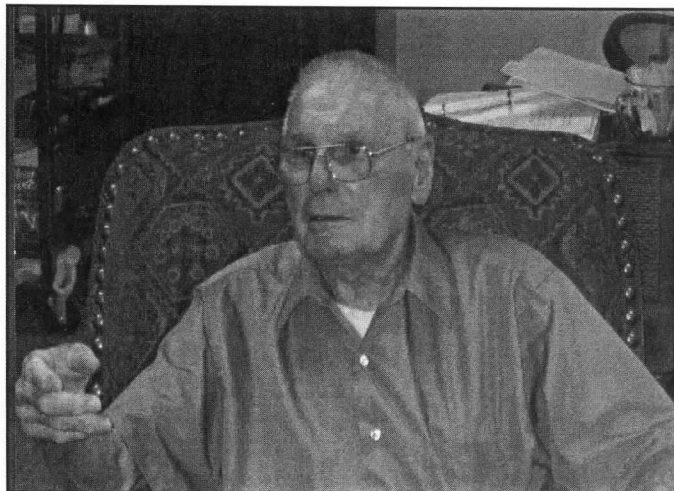
+ MAJ(R) WILLIAM E. GROVES, HHC (AG) 6/66-5/67, 576 Coast Oak Circle, Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6114, (770) 963-9947 sent the following: Ivan, it is that time of the year again. Enclosed is a check for renewal, plus I would also like to order the coffee mug. The publication continues to be an item of interest and enjoyment. Although I never got to personally know many of the line troopers, many of the names I do still remember from my time with the Brigade as the AG Forward and at the Phan Rang base camp. The First Brigade booklet brings back a lot of memories. Keep up the good work.

P.S. A little extra for whatever!

+ BRUCE A. MASTERS, 2/327 A 1/66-6/66, 76 Colonial Terr., Bridgeton, NJ 08302-4105 sent the following photos.



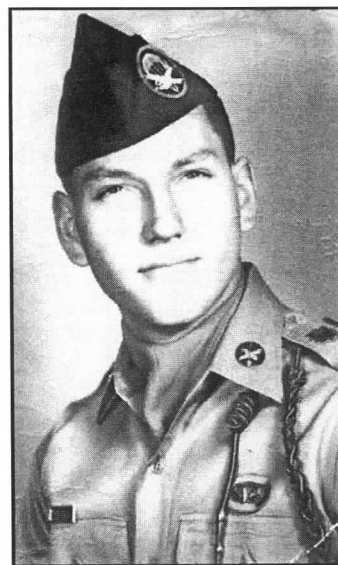
Left to right: Joe Carrol (C 2/327), Mary Anne and husband (very good neighbors/friends of Col Wasco), Earl Mower (HQ 2/327 medic - "The Colonel"), COL(R) Joseph Wasco, Jr. (2/327 CO) and Bruce Masters (A 2/327).



COL(R) Joseph Wasco, Jr.,  
2/327 CO 1/66-1/67

+ RONALD E. MATUSKA, 2/320 Arty B 6/66-7/67, P.O. Box 6872, Crestline, CA 92325-6872, (909) 338-6440, email: <Ron\_matuska@hotmail.com> when renewing his

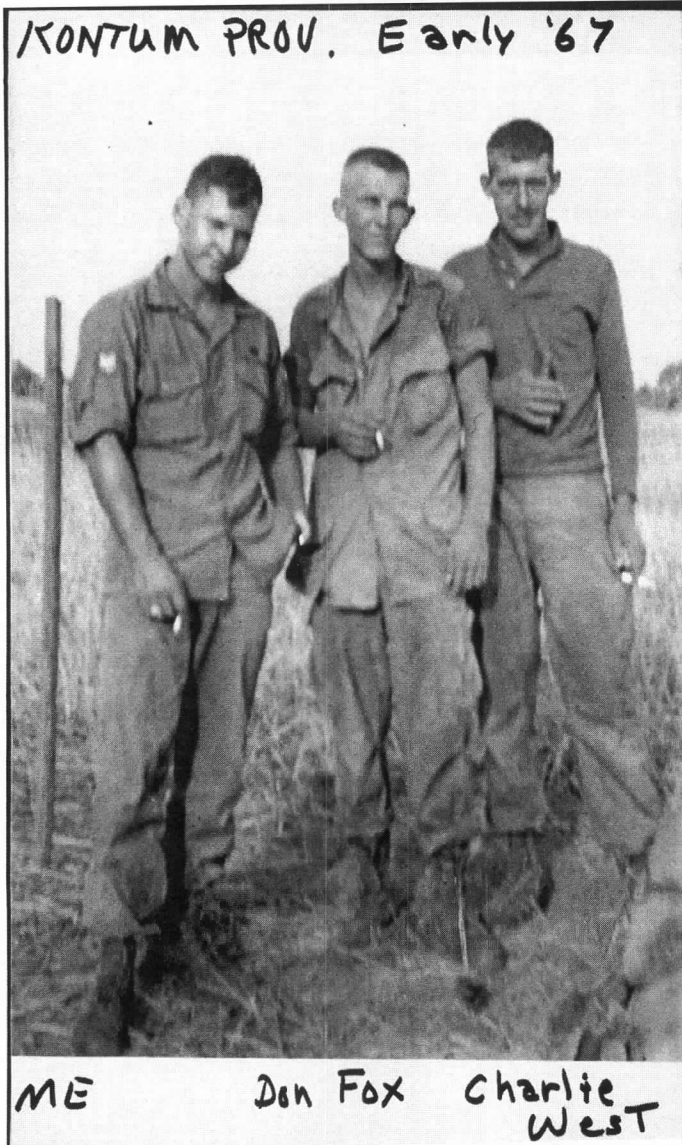
subscription sent the following. I still email Don Fox (2/320th B 8/66-8/67) from time to time and we often reminisce about our tour of duty in Vietnam with the First Brigade. I was there from June 66 to July 67. Don arrived about six months after me. I was on various operations (Hawthorne (Dak To), John Paul Jones (Tuy Hoa), Picket (Kontum), and Hastings) in places like Tuy Hoa South (rice harvest), Tuy Hoa North, Dak To, Kon Tum, Tuy An, etc. His memory is much better than mine and he could relate to you some very interesting stories. A lot happened after I left.



Ron Matuska

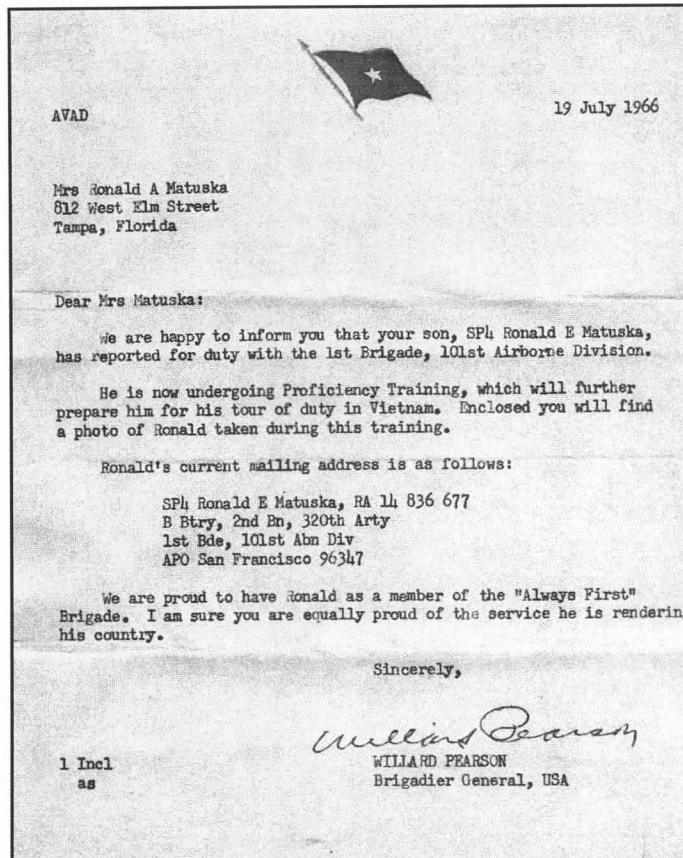
I would still go to the ends of the earth with these guys!

P.S. I'm still looking for Ronald Barrett, the guy I volunteered with to go to Vietnam with the 101. We were both serving at Rhine Kaserne in Wiesbaden at the time. He ended up as a Forward Observer in Nam. He was originally from New Orleans. He was a great guy to have on your side. We would go back to back against the "Devils in Baggy Pants" when we hung out at the Orchid Bar in Mainz. Everybody called him "Bear" for short. His only problem was he loved beer! German beer can knock you on your ass if you drink too much. There are a lot of stories I could tell about Rhine Kaserne and maybe someday I'll write a book.



Kontum Prov. Early '67

Left to right: Matuska, Don Fox and Charlie West



Matuska arrival letter

*Editor's Note: I have no Ronald Barrett in my database. Can anyone help?*

+ CLARENCE BARKER, 181st MI DET 6/66-6/67, 3910 Lochview Ct., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-6759, (843) 650-5880 sent this note with his renewal. "P.S. This is going out on the 59th Anniversary of the first jump in Korea with the RAKKASANS."

+ LYNDA PARK, Family (Gardner MOH), 1401 Old Newbern Road, Newbern, TN 38059, (901) 627-2146 wrote: Mr. Worrell, I know it has been awhile since the "Week of the Screaming Eagles," but I just wanted to thank you for all the hard work you did to help make the transfer of Jim's (1st LT James A. Gardner) Medal of Honor and citations happen. I have read your articles in "The First SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam" – they were well done. I was glad to have finally met you. I had heard so much from Tim (Swain, HHC S-2 65). Both ceremonies were very nice. I know that Jim would be pleased with everything. There is no doubt in my mind, he was

overseeing everything on Aug 14th and 16th.

Maybe our paths will cross again. Thanks again for everything.

*Editor's Note: See October 2009 "The First SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam" issue.*

+ JAMES D. AGINS, 326 MED D 7/66-2/67, 33 Sunset Blvd., Hamilton Sq., NJ 08690-3940, (609) 586-3724 along with his subscription renewal wrote: Missed you at Snowbird. My first ever reunion at Snowbird. Great time. Looking forward to Indiana and Omaha.

Please keep up the great publication. Can't wait to get them.

+ MAJ(R) WALTER W. JACKSON, 1/327 C 7/67-6/68, 743 Wickham Fen Way, Boise, ID 83709-0169,  
(208) 340-5740 sent the following: I have enclosed a picture of our trip to the Grand Old Opry on Tuesday the 18th of August 2009.  
This was after the Distinguished Members of the Regiment Ceremony at Fort Campbell.  
All served with C Company 1/327 First Brigade in 1967-68.

## During The Week Of The Eagles



*Front Row L to R: Alton "Dan" Porter, 1/327 C 67-68 (WI), Pete Crickmore, 1/327 C 67-68 (NC), Ben L. Wiley, 1/327 C 67-68 (TN), Roberto Campos, 1/327 C 67-68 (MI), Edward Zamont, 1/327 C 10/67-10/68 (NY).*

*Second Row: Miles D. Lester, 1/327 C 3/67-7/68 (NC), Ernest M. Salinas, 1/327 C 67-68 (TX), Larry Riley, 1/327 C 67-68 (KY), Bill Beattie (CA), David St. John (MI), Darryl Foster (OR).*

*Back Row: Patrick Rohan, 1/327 C 7/67-7/68 (CA), Mike O'Connell, 1/327 C 2/68 - ?/67 (MA), William J. Mercier, Jr., 1/327 C 4/67-4/68 (MI), William Dwyer, 1/327 C 67-68 (LA), Walter W. Jackson, 1/327 C 7/67-6/68 (ID), Robert Fleury, 1/327 C 67-68 (FL), Pat McManus, 326 ENGR A 11/66-11/67 and 1/327 C (KS), partially obscured, Roger Morris, 1/327 C 9/67-9/68 (MO).*

We had a nice time at the Opry and were joined by two of the young soldiers currently serving with C Company. A total of 34 C Company 1/327 Cobra/Cutthroats (1967/1968) attended the WOE.



**The 101st Airborne Division Association 65th Annual Reunion will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 11-15, 2010.**

**For more information contact 101st Airborne Division Association,  
PO Box 929, Fort Campbell, KY 42223,  
(931) 431-0199 ext 35, Fax (931) 431-0195,  
assocmemberinfo@comcast.net.**

# Thanksgiving 1965



## Thanksgiving Message

The necessity for keeping the defenses of our nation strong and alert has placed you a long way from home on a holiday that is traditionally a family affair. Your family, along with millions of other Americans, will thank God this day that you protect our country. Traditionally, Thanksgiving stands for your neighborhood church, friends and family, the smell of fall in the air, your favorite college football game, turkey and pumpkin pie. But it also stands for much more... a nation founded on the principles of a hard won freedom, a nation of plenty with equal opportunities for all. We thank God this Thanksgiving that there have been in the past and that there are those now willing to risk all that they hold dear that it might remain so. Thanksgiving is an American holiday and you are celebrating it in the finest possible way.

Commanding

## THANKSGIVING DAY MENU

*in Vietnam*

Shrimp ~~Cookout~~ Crackers

Roast Turkey with Giblet Gravy

Bread Dressing ~~whole~~ Cranberry ~~Orange~~ Relish

~~ins.~~ Mashed Potatoes Candied Sweet Potatoes

Buttered Green ~~Beans~~ <sup>PEAS</sup>

Crisp ~~Relish~~ <sup>CARROT</sup> Tray

~~Hot~~ Parker House Rolls Butter ~~CANNED~~

Fruit Cake

~~Apple~~ Mincemeat Pie Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

Assorted Fresh ~~Fruit~~ <sup>VEG.</sup>

Assorted Nuts Assorted Candy

~~Ice~~ Tea (WARM)

Coffee ~~ORANGE~~ JUICE  
EVAPORATED MILK



The Thanksgiving material with the annotated menu was sent by John J.M. Kolenc, 1/327 C 10/63-6/66, of Mentor, Ohio.

+ = Current Subscriber

April 2010

The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam




**12th  
Biennial  
Reunion**

**1st Brigade (S)  
101st Abn Div**

**Omaha  
NEBRASKA**

**Oct. 6-9, 2010**



Plans for the October Reunion in Omaha are coming together as planned with Reunion Chairman Terry R. Zahn, SPT BN HQ Eltinge 7/65-5/66, and his wife Carol making preparations for those who wish to attend what could be the final First Brigade (Separate) Reunion.



Those attending will hear the Memorial Luncheon message delivered by Chaplain (Col-R) Fred "Max" Wall, Jr., 2/327 4/67-8/67, who was in charge of the Memorial Luncheon at the 2006 Reunion in Atlanta.



THE ALWAYS FIRST BANQUET speaker will be LTG(R) John E. Miller, 2/327 B 5/67-3/68, who, later, as a Major General commanded the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell, Kentucky.



COL(R) Lawrence A. Redmond, 2/327 A 5/67-2/68, has agreed to serve as Master of Ceremonies.



Reunion registration packets have been mailed to all who are in The FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam data base (over twenty-three hundred). Registration forms are posted on the magazine web site.

**The following have registered:  
2010 Reunion Registrations**

Clay Barker  
181 MI Det 6/66-6/67

Dean Beaupré and Elaine  
2/502 A 1/67-1/68

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

Larry Boecklen and Connie  
2/327 B 1/67-1/68

Carlos L. Burgos  
2/502 A 7/65-2/66

Robert Burluson  
Photographer

David K. Dever  
1/327 HHC 7/65-7/66



LaVern Hagen and Teri  
2/327 B 8/66-9/67

Roderick J. Marshall and Willola  
2/327 HHQ 5/66-5/67

John Miller and Joan  
2/327 B 5/67-3/68

Pat Noonan and Rosalie (Roe)  
2/327 A 10/65-10/66

Sarah Quarles  
Reunion Staff

Larry Redmond and Mary  
2/327 HHC & A 5/67-WIA 2/68

Marion W. Richardson, Sr.  
2/502 B 10/66-10/67

Bill Robbins  
1/327 A 11/62-9/66

Rick Salazar and Lee  
2/327 A 10/65-10/66

Vic Thompson  
2/502 A 2/67-8/67

Chap. (Col-R) Fred "Max" Wall, Jr.  
2/327 HQ 4/67-8/67

Henry Willey and Sharlene  
2/502 A 1/67-1/68

Ivan Worrell  
BDE HQ 4/66-4/67

Terry R. Zahn and Carol  
HHC SPT BN 63-66



**MENTIONED IN THE  
DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR**

Following is a list of those who are in The FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam database and are mentioned in the 10 April 1966 issue of the DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR sent by Donald C. Hensley, 2/320 FA A Battery 7/65-6/66, and reproduced in the center fold of this magazine. Page 2, Troopers who distinguished themselves.

LTG(R) Henry E. (Hank) Emerson, CO 2/502 10/65-9/66  
Boyd McWilliams, 2/502 C 11/65-12/66

Earl R. Mower, 2/327 A, HQ&HQ 7/65-7/66 \*  
Page 4, STRIKE FORCE

LTG(R) Henry E. (Hank) Emerson, CO 2/502 10/65-9/66  
Page 4, Always There

MAJ(R) Billie R. Cook, SPT BN 65-66 \*  
\* = Subscriber







# DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR

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## ADMIRAL IRVINE WRITES

The following letter was received by Brig Gen Willard Pearson from Rear Admiral D. G. Irvine U.S. Navy.

Dear General Pearson,  
 "Thank you for your fine letter with the enclosed photos. It was certainly my pleasure to have had the opportunity for direct liaison with you and the Screaming Eagles."

Enclosed is a copy of a news release which I received from the 'states'. It is my understanding that this article, or ones of a similar nature, have appeared in many newspapers throughout the country. I found it extremely gratifying to be able to do a little something extra for the outstanding and impressive group of fighting men which make up the 101st.

Again, my sincere thanks for the souvenir which continues to remind me of a most enjoyable and rewarding visit. My best wishes to you for continued success.

Sincerely,

/s/D. G. Irvine  
 /t/D. G. IRVINE  
 Rear Admiral, US Navy

## NOW HE'S READY

"I don't care if you fought in World War II, Korea or the Dominican Republic, you've never seen anything like this. And before you leave here in five days, you'll have a good idea of what to expect from Charlie."

These words greet every 101st Airborne replacement at the Screaming Eagles' Phan Rang Replacement Training School and alert him for his rendezvous with destiny.

Deep in the heart of the famous 1st Brigade of the Army's 101st Airborne Division's base camp is an encampment circled with bunkers, booby traps, punji stakes and mined civilian bikes. It is one of the most unique training camps in the United States Armed Forces system, because here a man meets the true reality of the war against the VC, before he is thrown into battle.

It matters little to Cadre of this "Stay Alert Stay Alive" unit that the incoming trooper is a private just in from jump school or a West Pointer just in from Ranger School. Everyone has a lot to learn here and everyone will be taught the same way, the hard way.

From the dawn of the first full day in camp (Continued next column)

each and every replacement feels he has met the challenge of his life. The heat of the country forces him to drink more and more water, the drive of the combat tested cadre makes him walk faster and longer, and the reality of where he is makes him strain to hear every word and see every demonstration.

Before he leaves for his unit and the line the new Vietnam Combat man will direct artillery fire from a hill held by ARVN troops. He will fire the weapons he'll be armed with and some of the enemies. He will see and learn to detect the major VC booby traps and how and why they use punji stakes and he will patrol an area six miles from base camp and return that night for an all night ambush. He will join the other replacements on a live fire range to reel the Cadre carry loaded rifles in case of attack.

He sweats, he cusses, he gets scratched and cut. He learns how hot the (Continued On Page 7)

# STAY ALERT AND STAY ALIVE

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A TRICK OF CHARLIES

Human bait was used to spring a successful trap on the Viet Cong north of Tuy Hoa, as the 1st Brigade of the Army's 101st Airborne Division continues to seek out the running enemy.

While Company C of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 327th Infantry was on patrol they spotted a squad of the enemy moving toward them. The Airborne troopers deployed into an ambush type formation and engaged "Charlie", killing four. Then in a move that completely caught the Viet Cong by surprise, the Screaming Eagles pulled back and waited for "Charlie" to collect his dead. When he did, the Americans struck again leaving two more enemy dead. One trooper on the patrol said, "We learned that trick from Charlie himself, thats really turning the tables."

1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION HONOR ROLL

The troopers mentioned below have distinguished themselves by deeds of valor and heroism in the combat theatre of Vietnam. They merit the respect and admiration of Screaming Eagles everywhere and have conducted themselves in the finest traditions of troopers gone before them.

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Lt Col Henry E. Emerson						HHC/2/502	Inf	
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NEW LIBRARY DEDICATED

The first project of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's memorization program, the George Burkheart Library, located at the brigade's base camp at Phan Rang, was dedicated on 5 April 1966.

The library was named in honor of Lt George W. Burkheart, who was the first man from the Screaming Eagle Division to be killed in action against enemy forces. He was subsequently awarded the Silver Star for his heroic action on 3 September 1965.

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The facilities of the library include a tape recording room, 931 hard bound volumes, 500 paperback books, 130 magazine subscriptions, 14 American newspaper subscriptions, and a study area for reading or writing.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were presided over by Brigadier General Willard Pearson and 1/Lt Edward F Fernandez, officer in charge of the library.

Brig Gen Pearson noted that "the opening of the library is a major step in the progress of our installation and in the benefit and entertainment of the troops."

LRRP MAKES CONTACT

Killing Viet Cong is not always the mission of the American paratrooper in Vietnam. The Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division has the job of landing by helicopter, deep in Viet Cong territory to observe and extract information about the enemy without engaging with him. The latter is not always possible.

The night air rising from the dense jungle below was hot and moist, as the five man LRRP team descended toward an isolated clearing deep in the mountains of the Tuy Hoa area. At the same moment the fifth man placed his feet on the damp grass of the landing zone, all hell broke loose from the hillsides bordering the clearing.

Viet Cong elements of overwhelming size were firing directly upon the five man team. SSgt David Skau, Old Saybrook, Conn., immediately gave the signal to the team to disband and attempt to infiltrate toward another clearing some 125 meters away.

At the same time two forces of Viet Cong left the hillside coming toward the paratroopers. The fire lessened but still the team could not maneuver.

Upon siezing the situation the helicopter pilots directed the escorting gun ships to attack the surrounding highland. This gave the team on the ground a chance to separate into the jungle.

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Sgt James Tadlock, Dallas, Tex., dashed through the undergrowth. As he raced for the alternate clearing he almost trampled three Viet Cong that circled the teams position when the helicopter landed. The sergeant's M-16 burst into a blaze of bullets as he leaped over the three, now dead, VC bodies.

The team leader, Sgt Skau, raced along a winding path when two VC started firing less than 15 meters from him. The VC came forward slowly. The veteran trooper rose to one knee and fired. His weapon jammed. The enemy was upon him when a sheet of fire came from the trail to his rear, as his slower moving radio operator had come along just in time.

In about twenty minutes the five were reformed at the alternate clearing. There was no place else to go. This was it.

As the team radioed for the helicopter to land the Viet Cong attacked. The battle lasted for nearly an hour as the five troopers formed a circle perimeter, hugged the ground and fired.

The helicopter gunships brought fire directly upon the LZ but after a few minutes they could concentrate on the outer limits of the clearing.

After three attempts, the team was extracted and headed back to safe territory.

The five man team performed well, but their mission was not accomplished, they made contact.

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SAY UNCLE

"Say Uncle!" No, not part of the bitter battle of the 101st Airborne Division, just part of a conversation between Pfc Charles G. Springle, Angier, N. C., a member of Headquarters Battery, 5th Howitzer Battalion, 27th Artillery Survey Section and his uncle Captain James D. Springle, a member of the 184th Ordnance Battalion, Qui Nhon. The 5th Howitzer Battalion, 27th Artillery is attached to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

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WEAPONS FOR VIETNAMESE

"This not only means more weapons for the Vietnamese Armed Forces in Tuy Hoa, but that many less for the Viet Cong."

With these words, Brig Gen Willard Pearson, Clairton, Pa., Commanding General of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, while speaking at a small ceremony in Tuy Hoa, presented 31 weapons to Lt Col Ba, province chief of Phu Yen province.

A total of 60 weapons have thus far been given to the province troops, who had worked so successfully with the Screaming Eagles in operations in the Tuy Hoa sector.

Lt Col Ba praised the gallantry of the 101st and the Brigade's practice of giving U.S. made weapons to the Vietnamese armed forces to add to their fighting capabilities.

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ABOVE THE REST

The 1st Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry conducted an awards ceremony at their battalion headquarters on 10 April 1966.

SECOND TO NONE

During the period 31 March through 6 April 1966, the 2nd Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry Hawk teams, with an attached platoon from Co A, 2/327 Infantry conducted night infiltration into enemy occupied territory and conducted reconnaissance and surveillance operations for two days which led to offensive actions by the remainder of the battalion.

In the subsequent battalion operation, the "We Ain't To Kill" troopers conducted search and destroy operations, which resulted in 9 VC dead (body count), 4 VC killed (est), 1 VC wounded, 45 VC suspects captured, 1 Thompson submachine gun captured and the capture of a small enemy ammunition cache. Friendly casualties were light.

STRIKE FORCE

On 7 April 1966, Lieutenant Colonel Henry E. Emerson, battalion commander of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry presented gifts to an orphanage in the city of Tuy Hoa. The children and Nuns in this orphanage are the ones who were extracted from Hoi Tin by "B" Company earlier in the year. The gifts consisted of over 30,000 piasters, assorted clothing sent from the United States, school supplies and shoes.

ON THE WAY; WAIT

Another "first" was recorded by the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery, when on 1 April Battery A moved its howitzers and 1/4 ton vehicles into a firing position near Dong Tre using CV-2 (Caribou) aircraft. This move was conducted in order to support operations by the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry in the Dong Tre Le Hai area. Subsequent resupply to include 50 tons of ammunition have also been accomplished utilizing CV-2's. This firing position proved lucrative when on the night of 5 April, Battery A fired in response to a CIDG request and achieved 30 VC KIA confirmed by body count.

UNITED WE STAND

1st Sgt Floyd C. Garwood of Malden, Wash., was recently appointed 1st Sergeant of Service Battery, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery. Entering the Army in January 1951, 1st Sergeant Garwood served with the 40th Infantry Division in Korea until after the Armistice. As a "Rodlog" he has served in several armored and anti-aircraft units. Reporting from an assignment in Verona, Italy, 1st Sergeant Garwood brings a long career of outstanding records in operations, intelligence, and personnel administration to the 27th.

ALWAYS THERE

Captain Billy R. Cook, Movements Control Officer for the Brigade forward area, was promoted re- (Continued next column)

cently to his present grade. Captain Cook and his enlisted assistant have kept the flow of personnel and supplies between Phan Rang and Tuy Hoa moving in a very efficient manner.

17TH MULE

Shortly after arriving in the Tuy Hoa area A Troop was given the tremendously large task of screening the northern flank of the 1st Brigade. The mission was gradually increased to include search and destroy operations and saturation patrols. To facilitate the accomplishments of this mission a provisional infantry platoon was added to the Troop. The new platoon was filled with volunteers from the other battalions in the brigade who were GIB qualified.

ALWAYS FIRST

Brigade Headquarters is busily preparing for the upcoming IG inspection to be conducted in the rear area on 12 April 1966.

WHEN ITS TOO TOUGH FOR THE REST CALL THE BEST

The 326th Engineers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division have been working laboriously laying concrete slabs for future billets in the rear area. They now have a new project; rebuild the Commanding General's house, which burned to the ground on 5 April 1966.

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NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Nguyen Huu Ke, 28, was elected as the new chairman of the Friendship Council by a vote of 11 to 5 during the committee's monthly meeting held at the province chief's home on 5 April 1966.

The Friendship Council, dedicated to law enforcement, price control, and friendly community relations between American forces and the Vietnamese Army and civilian populace, is composed of representatives from the Army, Air Force, N.K, USOI, the province chief, Chief of Police, and several prominent Vietnamese citizens from the Phan Rang area.

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LADIES GALORE

When it rains it pours; that's what the troopers of the 1st Brigade of the Army's 101st Airborne Division are saying this week and by no stretch of the imagination were they complaining.

The Screaming Eagles were referring to the arrival of three gorgeous females at their Phan Rang base camp. Two of the smiling ladies are on assignment with the Red Cross Office at the base camp. The third, recording star Miss Vicki Carr, arrived with Danny Kaye on a USO tour.

Although the troopers got quick glimpses of the girls as they toured the camp, it wasn't till showtime that they really gave the ladies a true airborne welcome. The Red Cross ladies made their grand entrance to a thunderous standing ovation at the Brigade helipad where Danny Kaye and (Continued next column)

When notified of his election through an interpreter, Mr. Ke had this to say. "I am reluctant to accept the position because of my young age and inexperience; however, because of the kind words said about me by the members of this council, I cannot refuse the chairmanship. I will strive to better the relationship between Americans and Vietnamese, both civilian and military.

Lt Col Phelps R. Womble, commanding officer of the 1st Brigade's Support Battalion and outgoing chairman of the council, nominated Mr. Ke for the position and expressed confidence in Mr. Ke's capabilities as chief mediator for the council.

Miss Carr were to perform

Mr. Kaye, a world renowned entertainer, was greeted by Sgt Joe Graham playing his rendition of "Danny Boy" on a saxophone. Before the show was over Danny did numerous quick witted little ditties about soldiers dating back to WW I and ended up with a singalong in which each and every trooper lifted his "golden tones" to the Asian heavens. Vicki Carr brought back many memories with more than ten old standards and a set of modern tunes.

The evening was highlighted when an over zealous trooper in the audience called out to Vicki to "come on down and join the troopers." Danny Kaye rushed to the mike and told the trooper "one more outcry like that and they'll send you home".

The warning was greeted with a thundering ovation and the show continued on that theme.

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1,000TH FOR THE 101ST

Through the wings of the eagle came the swift death of the 1,000th Charlie.

Not long after high noon on April 4th the unbeatable combination of Army Airborne Infantry and Artillery teamed up to record the 1,000th Viet Cong killed by the 1st Brigade of the Army's 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam.

As the Tiger Force of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry called for artillery support, a high flying forward observer for the Screaming Eagle unit relayed the message to Battery A of the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 320th Artillery. Once again the warning of the "Wounds of Vietnam" rung true. "There is no escape, no safe place to hide, the Eagle strikes swiftly and silently bringing certain death."



In this country Miss is an example of caddies on the tour, it promises to be a good wear for golf.

**CURFEW HOURS**

The following message from Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge and General W. C. Westmoreland is quoted for compliance.

"The government of the Republic of Vietnam has imposed a curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. which is effective immediately. All Americans not on duty are expected to observe this curfew and to remain off the streets. Personnel who are required to be out on official business during curfew hours must stop if requested to do so by Vietnamese police or military authorities of U.S. Military Police and produce proper identification. Until further notice American personnel should curtail all unnecessary activities and if possible remain off the street during non-curfew hours."

**COMBAT STREAMER**

The Combat Infantry Streamer was awarded to Companies A, B, and C of the 1st Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry, 2nd Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry, and the 2nd Battalion (Abn) 502nd Infantry of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, as was noted in last week's issue. To attain this coveted award each unit must have had 65 per cent of its TOE strength awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

The effective date was listed as September 1965 in Brigade General Order Number 99 and was awarded by orders of the Commanding General under the provisions of paragraph 206b AR 672-5-1. (Editor)

**INCENTIVE AWARDS**

Payment of cash awards up to \$25,000 from appropriated funds to all military personnel, officer and enlisted, on active duty status for suggestions, inventions and scientific achievements approved or adopted on and after 22 Sep 65, is authorized, effective immediately. Paragraphs 12, 13 and Section III, AR 672-301 are applicable (Continued next column)

in determining amounts of award to be paid. Maximum publicity should be given to insure that all military personnel on active duty are aware of their opportunity to receive recognition/compensation for ideas to improve efficiency of the Army's mission. The Incentive Awards Program for this command is administered by the Office of the Civilian Personnel Director, USARV.

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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TUY HOA, VIETNAM (101st-IO) - Brigadier General Willard Pearson is shown one of the captured weapons used to orient newly arrived replacements in the Screaming Eagles Replacement Training School in their base camp at Phan Rang. Platoon Sergeant Thomas Oliver explains that the weapon is a Chinese Communist copy of a Russian automatic assault rifle AK-47, siezed by the Screaming Eagles near Tuy Hoa and will be used to explain to new personnel the weapons that they may expect to be used against them. Photo by Pfc Jerome

NOW HE'S READY

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glaring Asian sun can get and he learns fast that a short cut could cost him a leg or his life. The greatest fear is the sound of battle, he is told and the day he runs the live fire course with machine guns, grenades and M-79 rounds going off all around him he realizes how true this is.

But as his face turns from sunburn to bronze tan and his water con-

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sumption drops from seven canteens a day to two, he becomes keen in his ability; he senses a secure knowhow and he's already professional pride has blossomed into a proud fierce fighting man.

As he stands in the final replacement company formation he is just a little taller, a little older and a lot smarter. The sergeant who made him hurt all over stands in front of him and says, "I've taught you what I

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know from experience, now go get Charlie and don't forget, Stay Alert and Stay Alive." The trooper extends his hand and says "Thanks Sarge."

When the man deploys to his unit and prepares for his baptism of fire there are people who know he is the best fighting man in Vietnam, prepared for his rendezvous with destiny. The cadre at repl company, himself and most of all Victor Charlie, the enemy.

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NEW PUBLIC LAW

"The President has signed Public Law 89-368 which authorized Armed Forces personnel serving in a combat zone to send gifts tax and duty free to the extent such gifts in any shipment do not exceed fifty (50) dollars in aggregate retail value in the country of shipment if such articles were purchased in or through authorized agencies of the Armed Forces of the United States. Pending issuance of treasuries and departmental regulations on this matter request you inform all personnel entitled to this privilege to clearly inscribe on the outer wrapping of all such gifts the following: "P.L. 89-368 value less than fifty (50) dollars." Detailed regulations will be issued in the near future. For your information these regulations will probably exclude repeat exclude, exemptions applicable to alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

5/27 HAS NEW S-3

Major Sante Di Ruzza, Fall River, Mass., has been assigned as the new S-3 for the 5th Howitzer Battalion, 27th Artillery. Major Di Ruzza, who has been in Vietnam since September 1965, had previously been assigned as Battery B Commander, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery attached to the 1st Cavalry Division. He is married and the father of one son, Barry.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who holds the World Series record for the consecutive game hitting streak?
2. Who was the first major college basketball player to score over 1000 points in a season?
3. In what season did the National Basketball Association start keeping rebounding records?
4. Who captured the Women's Wimbledon tennis crown in 1962?
5. What scoring system was used during the early days of college football?

1. Hank Bauer, now manager of the Baltimore Orioles, with hits in 17 straight series games with the Yankees.
2. Frank Selvy, who tallied 1,209 for Furman in 1953-54.
3. In 1950-51.
4. Karen Hantze Susman, at the age of 19.
5. A field goal counted five points, a point after touchdown, and a touchdown counted one.

ANSWERS



"I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT... ALL OF MY STAFF LAUGHED WHEN I TOLD THAT JOKE..."



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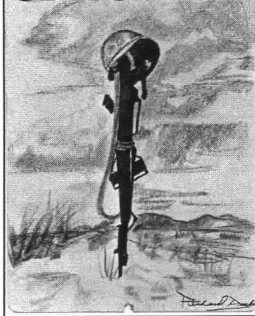
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a U. S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a pipe fitter at Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems for the past 25 years.

Wendell enjoyed hunting, traveling, skating, and skiing. He was a member of the Wadsworth Hunt Club, Medina County Coon Hunters Club, and Creston Moose Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Betty (Ryneer) Copley; children, Lisa Copley of AZ, Donnie (Jamie) Copley of Rittman, Tamara Gillis of Rittman, Betty (Joe) Erne of Rittman, Terry (Patti) Blackburn of Lodi, David (Jeri) Blackburn of Medina, Tim (Molly) Hamilton of Akron, and Rhonda (Scott) Mickna of Wooster; grandchildren, Brittanie, Blaine, Alexis, Andrew, Zachary, Austin, Sarah, Jason (Sarah), Aron, Michael, Adam, Amanda, Jake, Dillion, Bradley, Cody, Bill, and Brad; great-grandson, Cameron; sisters, Lorraine (Hutch) Hutchison of Rittman, and Judy Thomas (Bob Mariol) of Canton; a brother, Charles (Joyce) Copley of VA. Also survived by his hunting buddies, Bill Baisden, Alton Price, Glenn Adams, Vic Pirri, Mike (Becky) Cogar, and Kenny Maynard. A brother, Jack Copley, died previously.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Gillman Funeral Home, 360 W. Sunset Dr., Rittman where friends called from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31. Pastor Faron J. Cole officiated and burial was at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 15120 Collections Center Dr., Chicago IL 60693.

### George "Doc" Kuznezov 2/502 HHC RECON 6/67-5/68

George "Doc" Kuznezov was born to Mother Alexandra Kuznezov on May 24th, 1946 in Eisenerz, Austria, and passed away December 20th, 2009 in his home in Burdett, New York. George Kuznezov is survived by his wife of 31 years, Diane; children, Laila, Joshua (Audrey), Sasha, Katherine; grandsons, Bailey, Jacob, Liam, Nicholas; and sister Mary (Rick). George was an academic scholar honored at the age of 13 to attend Harvard Universities School for gifted young children. George declined that opportunity while pursuing his gifts as a talented springboard and platform diver. George won the New England league diving championship three consecutive years, setting several state and national records. Both academic and athletic talents led to George's opportunities to pursue both scholastic and athletic scholarships across the country. George eventually chose to attend Brown University on a full academic scholarship. George was drafted into Vietnam but was

deferred, as he was caring for his mother. Shortly after she passed, George volunteered himself to his country to fight in Vietnam. George was a member of the 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division Recon 2/502 Battalion (1967-68), as a volunteer combat medic. The reference "Doc" was an honorary nickname given to him as his title of a combat medic in Vietnam. Many to this day, including his Recon team in Vietnam, as well as other veterans, still refer to George as "Doc." While in Vietnam, George was a recipient of many awards and medals. He will always be known to his family, friends and country as a well-respected, loved and caring person. George found peace in his hobbies which included fly fishing, reading, writing, attending athletic events and most of all spending time with his family.

A memorial service was held on December 26, 2009. Burial was private.

Condolences may be sent to the Kuznezov family at P.O. Box 781, Burdett, NY 14818-0781.

*Editor's Note: Mrs. Kuznezov called to say the illness that killed George was so intense and swift that they had little time to notify friends.*

### Charles Edward "Chuck" McIver Jr. 2/327 HHC-Hawks 6/66-6/67 August 14, 1945 – November 28, 2009

Charles "Chuck" McIver went on Final Patrol with Hawk-11, on November 28, 2009. Chuck was born and raised in South Plainfield, N.J., was an alter boy and loved to play guitar. Following his graduation from high school, Chuck served in the Always First Brigade, with the "No Slack" Hawks.

It was in Tuy-Hoa, while on guard duty, where Chuck met lifelong friend J.B. Morehouse of Mesa, AZ. They both volunteered for the Hawks. Chuck received many awards while with the Hawks to include the Bronze Star for Valor, during the "Battle of the Trench."

He enjoyed travel, fishing, target shooting and watching the Military Channel. Chuck met the love of his life, Sharon Todd in March 1982. They were married on July 4, 1982. Chuck and Sharon have two children and three grand-children.

He worked for the Department of Juvenile Justice for the past 15 years in Cocoa, FL. He was a life member of The American Legion Post 259. It was here Chuck had his Memorial Service that was attended by 200 friends and family members.

Tributes were given by Dr. Henry F. "Hank Beck, Jr., and J.B. Morehouse.

Please keep the McIver family in your prayers. Chuck will be missed by all and will always remain a "True American Hero."

From: Dr. Henry F. "Hank" Beck, Jr., Ph.D  
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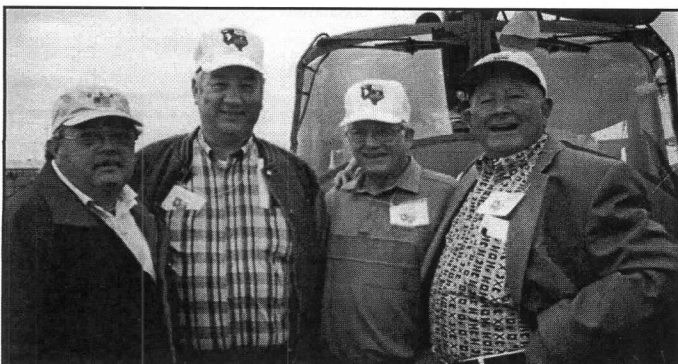


## First Brigade (S) Aviation Section

By: Carl Midkiff, HHC AIR SECT 12/66-12/67



1st Brigade aviators at Phan Rang in March of 1967. We normally had around eight pilots at any one time. Front row left to right: Ken Arnold, Jerry Brown, Butch Denson. Rear row left to right: Steve Nickaloff, Gary Sauer, Carl Midkiff, Sam McGee, Russ Maxon. All were WO1's except for Captain Brown and Butch Denson who was a CW2. We didn't have the most up to date flying gear and you can see in this photo that few uniforms were the same. I remember Butch and crew chief George Dickel still flew with white helmets. I think there was a Major's slot as Brigade Aviation Officer, Major Jim Rafferty filled that slot most of the time I was there and worked at the TOC. Around 50 enlisted men, NCOs, crew chiefs, mechanics and other soldiers, were assigned to the Air Section and we could not have begun to perform our mission without them. They were a good bunch.



Four pilots from the previous picture – 37 years later at a 1st Brigade Reunion. I think in 2004 at Fort Worth. Left to right: Ken Arnold, Russ Maxon, Carl Midkiff and Gary Sauer.



Our pocket patch which we seldom wore. I include this because the Vietnamese folks who made them up mistakenly put "Winos" instead of "Wings" of the Eagle.



Kontum. A H-13 in the foreground with a Huey flying over. Tents in the background across the runway belong to the rest of Brigade. We always tried to set up away from the Brigade proper because nobody paid too much attention to what the air section did and we operated under the principle of "out of sight, out of mind." Having said that, we were always on time for missions and received very few complaints from anybody. I suppose our mission was to support the Brigade anyway we could using the assigned aircraft and personnel. I believe we accomplished our mission. Life in a Brigade air section was much different from life in regular aviation units, much less structured. There were a lot of different occasions where we could make up our own missions that would never have been allowed in an Assault Helicopter Company.





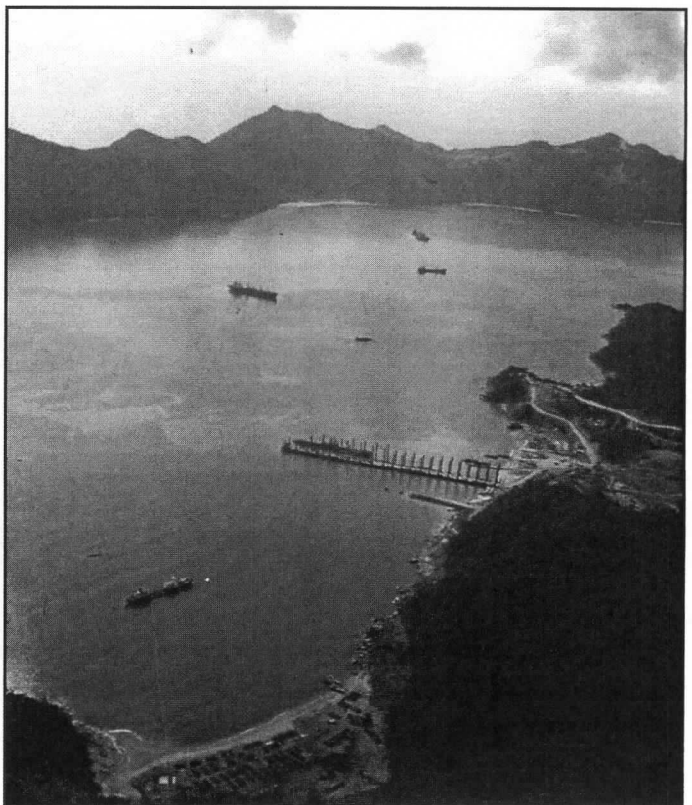
*One of our Hueys. They flew well but looked really bad. When we got back to Phan Rang we borrowed a paint gun and painted them using the air compressor from a truck. We didn't have stencils for the "United States Army" for the tail boom or the tail numbers so we flew without any markings. We landed at Nha Trang for fuel one day and the refueling truck driver asked me if we were CIA. I told him I couldn't discuss it.*



*One of the two new Hueys I picked up while at Khanh Duong. Crew chiefs were waiting for what I do not know. When you were not flying you pulled maintenance or just waited. Up until we picked up the new "D" model Hueys, we used our old ones for anything and everything. The General and the Deputy Brigade Commander were flown by the Combat Assault Helicopter Company that was supporting the Brigade at the time. With the two new Hueys the mission evolved into one of them being used by the General and one used by the Deputy Commanding Officers (DCO) and they were flown by the pilots from the Brigade air section. Capt Carlos Melendez came from the 14th AV Battalion to be the General's pilot; the rest of the pilots rotated flying the Hueys and the H-13s. Around Sep/Oct 1967, I more or less became the Deputy Commanding Officer's (Col Rip Collins) regular pilot. I think Jake Jacoby took over when I left but I am not sure. The DCO's helicopter was called "Rip's Mule."*



*Our other Huey, about as ugly as the first one. Our normal flight uniform was fatigues, sleeves rolled up, jungle boots and gray leather gloves. (I think we had three "chicken plates" (chest armor) and you had to wait till someone left to get his. My second tour at Cu Chi in 69-70 we had chicken plates, nomex flight suits, nomex gloves, leather boots and flew with our sleeves rolled down.) Later in the Brigade, we sometimes had extra sleeves with elastic bands around the tops that we could put them on and take them off like gloves.*



*Vung Roe Bay, north of Nha Trang.*



# How To Win Friends In Vietnam

SAIGON (AP) — Nine rules designed to help the United States win support from the Vietnamese people are being distributed to U. S. military personnel.

The U. S. Military Assistance Command said Gen. William C. Westmoreland wants U. S. servicemen to carry them at all times.

The rules:

**JOIN** with the people! Understand their life, use phrases from their language and honor their customs and laws.

**TREAT** women with politeness and respect.

**AVOID** separating yourself from the people by a display of wealth or privilege.

**MAKE** personal friends among the soldiers and common people.

**ALWAYS** give the Vietnamese the right of way.

**BE ALERT** to security and ready to react with your military skill.

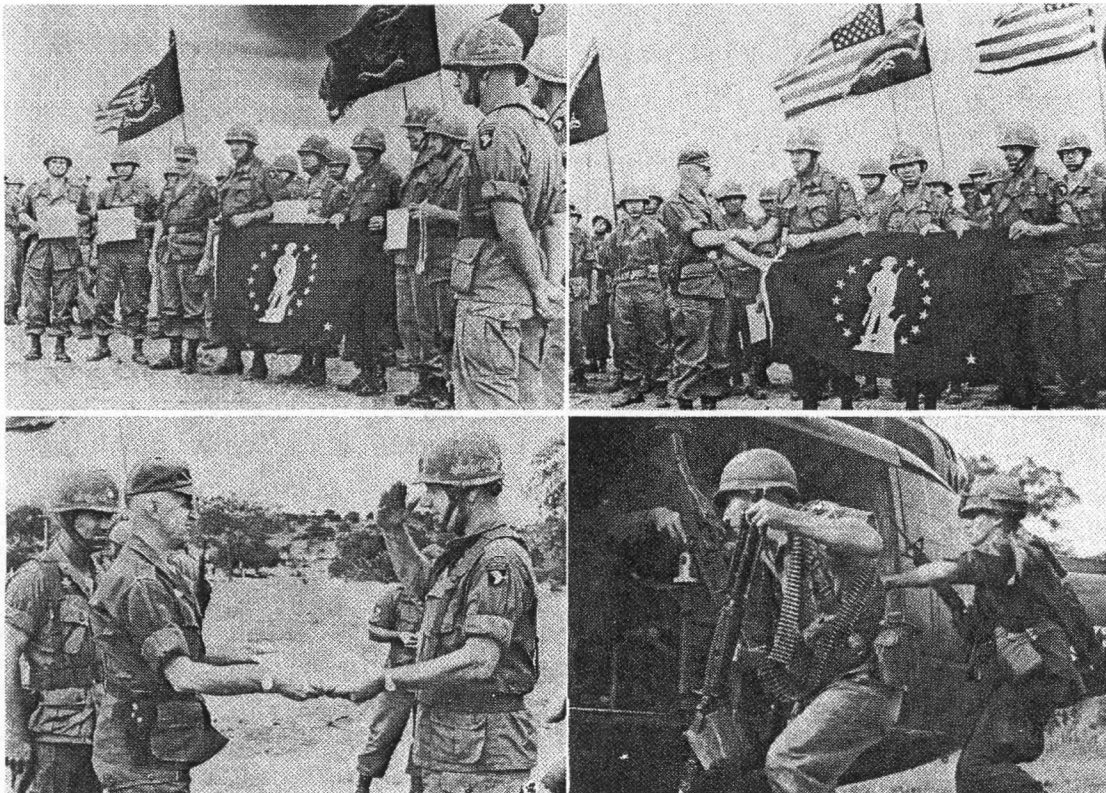
**DON'T** attract attention by loud, rude or unusual behavior.

**REMEMBER** we are special guests here; we make no demands and seek no special treatment.

**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.

*Newspaper clip sent by Donald C. Hensley, 2/320 FA A Battery 7/65-6/66.*

LATE PHOTOS FROM VIETNAM. They Also Give Who Serve. Upper left, Lt. Col. Joseph B. Rogers, CO, 1/327th Inf; Lt. William J. Owen, SI, 2/327th Inf; Lt. Col. William F. Braun, CO, 2/320th Arty; Col. James J. Timothy, former CO, 1st Bde; Sgt Maj Cecil Johnson, 2/320th Arty; Lt. Col. Phelps E. Womble; Support Bn CO; and Maj George E. Neroutsos, S3, 2/502nd Inf. display Minuteman Flag and Awards for more than 80% participation by the 1st Bde in the Secretary of the Army US Savings Bond Award Program presented by Brig. Gen. Paul F. Smith, (third from left), Chief of Staff, Field Forces in Vietnam. Upper right, Gen. Smith presents Award to Lt. Col. William F. Braun, 2/320th Arty as Col Timothy and Sgt Maj Johnson help support the Minuteman Flag. Lower left, Lt. Col. James R. Wilson looks on as Gen. Smith presents the Award to Lt. Col. Womble. Lower right, Its Helicopters Away for the next mission.





# Paratroopers Killed In Error

SAIGON — (AP) — Shells fired by a supporting artillery unit killed six paratroopers and wounded three of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division in a drive against the Viet Cong guerrillas.

In the air war, American authorities in effect wrote off a U.S. Navy F-8E Crusader jet that was blown out of the sky on a bombing mission 60 miles southwest of Hanoi Wednesday as the sixth U.S. plane to fall victim of North Viet Nam's Soviet-supplied missiles.

A strike by U.S. B-52 jet bombers from Guam headed a

*News clips sent by  
Michael E. Hadden,  
2/327 HHC 7/65-6/66.*

day of intensive aerial action against the Viet Cong. The target of the B-52s was a suspected guerrilla storage area 45 miles northwest of Saigon. A scheduled check of the area by South Viet Nameese troops was called off because of bad weather.

Briefing officers said a total of 230 combat sorties were flown across South Viet Nam in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. Friday.

The artillery incident developed during an operation in the Song Am River Basin, 12 miles northwest of Qui Nhon, a port on the South China Sea.

Helicopter-borne units of the 101st had killed 37 Viet Cong and were trying to root out the rest of a guerrilla detachment, whose fire has caused

American pilots to dub the area "Sniper Valley."

The spokesman said the six paratroopers who were killed and the three wounded were members of a squad that inadvertently moved into the artillery's line of fire.

He did not have the identity of the artillery unit. Only U.S. forces were assigned to the operation, he said, but he did not rule out the possibility that South Vietnamese gun batteries might have been used to support the drive.

A long hunt over North Viet Nam for the pilot of the Navy Crusader was abandoned at dusk Friday and a spokesman said it was presumed a surface-to-air missile fired from a mobile installation was re-

sponsible for destruction of the plane.

The Defence Department in Washington reported Thursday the probable loss of the plane to a missile. Saigon authorities had remained silent on the details until forced to list the pilot as missing.

Portable missile complexes have posed a threat to planes on missions over North Viet Nam since the first jet was brought down by a missile July 24. These can be erected and dismantled within 24 hours.

In addition intelligence agents say at least 30 fixed missile bases ring Hanoi, the capital, and the key port of Haiphong. The staffs are presumed to include Russian technicians.

## U.S. Launches Viet Jungle Offensive

*UPI - Associated Press  
Reuters*

SAIGON, July 29—Thousands of U.S. soldiers swept through the jungles southwest of Saigon today in the first long-range U.S. offensive of the Viet Nam war. To the north, nearly 4,000 paratroopers of the U.S. 1st Airborne Division began landing as part of the continuing military buildup.

As they came ashore at Cam Ranh Bay, 180 miles northeast of Saigon, between 25 and 30 giant B-52 jets of the U.S. Strategic Air Command dumped 500 tons of bombs on suspected Viet Cong positions 35 miles southeast of Saigon.

After the B-52 raid — the sixth in South Viet Nam by the Okinawa-based bombers — several thousand troops began combing the hilly area. By late today one Viet Cong had been killed, another captured, and

there were no U.S. casualties, a U.S. spokesman reported.

Troops of the 173rd airborne brigade and the 1st infantry division took part in the massive search and destroy mission, hunting for guerrillas in mountains and jungles near the provincial capital of Ba Ria.

Only one company of paratroopers reported any contact with the Viet Cong.

The troops landed in the battle zone by helicopter after the area had been softened up by artillery fire and the air strikes.

As the troops pushed deeper into the jungle away from supply bases, ammunition, food and water were transported into the area by other helicopters.

It was the first time that American units had been sent into combat more than 20 miles away from the bases they are assigned to protect.

A U.S. navy Crusader jet from the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard crashed 60 miles southwest of Saigon during a mission in another section of the delta and the pilot was believed killed.

Two U.S. helicopters ferrying Vietnamese troops into another delta battle 100 miles southwest of Saigon collided in flight, but an American spokesman said all of the men aboard survived.

The paratroopers who landed at Cam Ranh were greeted by the man who commanded their division when it dropped into Normandy to spearhead the World War II invasion of France, Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor.

It was one of Taylor's last official acts in Viet Nam. He leaves Saigon Friday, to be replaced by Henry Cabot Lodge.

The landing came less than 24 hours after President John-

son announced U.S. forces would be increased from 75,000 to 125,000 men. But a U.S. spokesman said transfer of the 101st brigade was part of a six-battalion increase in U.S. forces that had been planned some weeks ago.

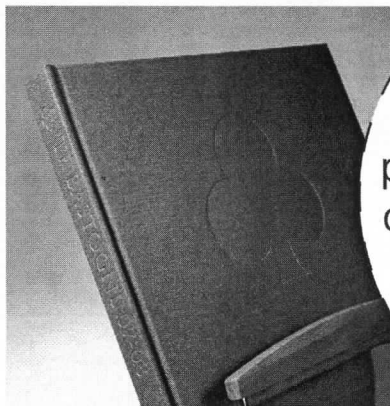
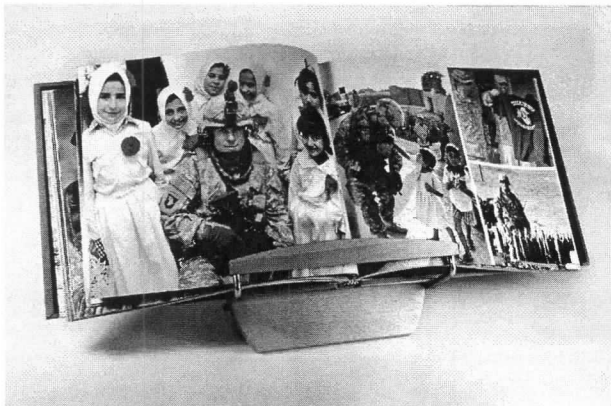
On the battlefield, an estimated 192 Viet Cong guerrillas were reported killed in a big government operation launched Wednesday in the Mekong Delta 100 miles southwest of Saigon, in Chuong Thien province.

The North Viet Nam news agency today claimed that three American jet planes, one identified as an F-4 Phantom fighter, were shot down during bombing and strafing missions yesterday.

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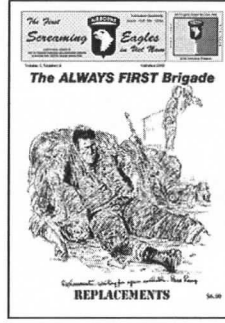
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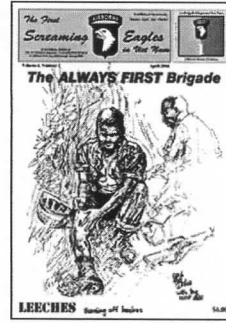
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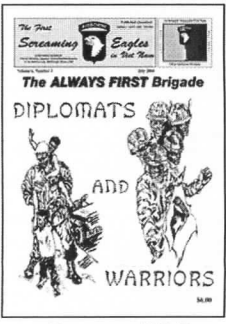
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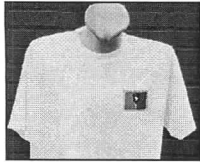


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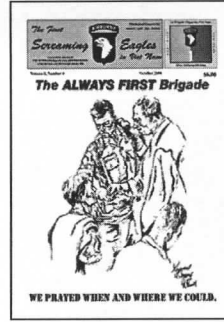
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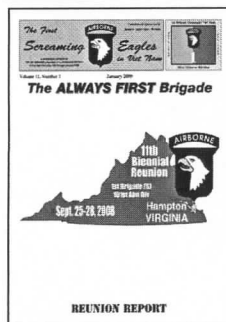
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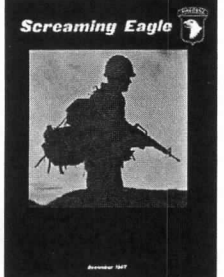
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