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*MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell,
INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, in Viet Nam 1966.*

Please read the message titled MAINTAINING THE HERITAGE on page one. This does not render future First Brigade (S) reunions impossible but is an attempt by the 101st Airborne Division Association to relieve the pressure on veterans of the First Brigade (S) to find a sponsor for a reunion every two years. We no longer have the incentive of General Matheson selecting a future host and informing that individual that "You will be the host for our reunion in two years." I plan to attend our reunions in whatever form they may be offered. I

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

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

will support, with my subscribers' list, mailing for anyone who wishes to host a stand alone reunion for First Brigade (S) veterans.

I am grateful to a number of First Brigade veterans for sending material to make this and future magazines possible. Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65, sent his scrapbook and other material that has been scanned. George E. Brown, Sr., 2/17 CAV A 6/66-1/68, sent a notebook full of material that I am in the process of scanning. COL(R) Gerard Landry, 2/502 A 7/64-7/66, sent a copy of "Tips for Diplomats and Warriors" which will begin as a three part series in the October magazine. Robert C. Hudson, 2/327 C & HHC 6/65-7/66, sent pictures with captions of the party celebrating the 87th birthday of COL(R) Joseph Wasco, Jr., 2/327 CO 1/66-1/67, and pictures and captions of COL Joe Wasco's funeral. Charles E. Payne, 2/327 HHC & Bde HHC 12/65-11/66, sent pictures of the birthday party for Colonel Wasco also. Arline Field, wife of Douglas N. Field, 2/327 B 4/66-12/67, sent pictures from COL Wasco's funeral. CPT Barry Hana, HQ-PIO 3/67-3/68, sent many copies of **The Screaming Eagle**, the weekly unit newspaper, some of which will be published in the center spread of future magazines.

Following are names from THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES IN VIETNAM database of those who are mentioned in the January 31st 1968 THE SCREAMING EAGLE printed in the centerfold of this magazine.

Page one: JUNGLE HUNT picture BG(R) Julius F. Johnson, 1/327 A 6/67-6/68. KLAMATH FALLS story Thomas F. Gaffney, 3/506 A 67-68. SERGEANT UNCOVERS FIN, FINDS BOMB story LTG(R) Robert "Greyhound" Yerks, 2/327 Bn CO 5/67-5/68.

Page two: ENEMY 'SEIZE' HILLTOP story Bruce Falconer, 2/502 Recon 67-68. BEST MAN SGM(R) Floyd Pearson, 2/327 A&B 9/67-11/69. WATER HOLE picture Jack "Doc" Treese, 2/502 C 67. SEARCH CATCHES 3 ENEMY story Richard L. Gerhard, 1/327 B 3/67-3/68 and LTC(R) Ed (Bear) Burch (1/327 B 6/67-6/68) who died 12/27/2000 in a plane crash.

Page three: STAY ALERT - STAY ALIVE and CHOW FROM HOME pictures James L. Grainger, 1/327 A 67-69.

Page four: QUICK CLIMB and AIDS IN RESUPPLY pictures Larry Fletcher, 2/502 C 3/67-1/68 and Larry Prescott, 2/502 C 67-68. LRRPS RESIST NIGHT ATTACK story Clayton Wentworth (who is listed as 1/327 dates ???) and SGT Edward D. Wenglarz, HHC LRRP 6/67-6/68.

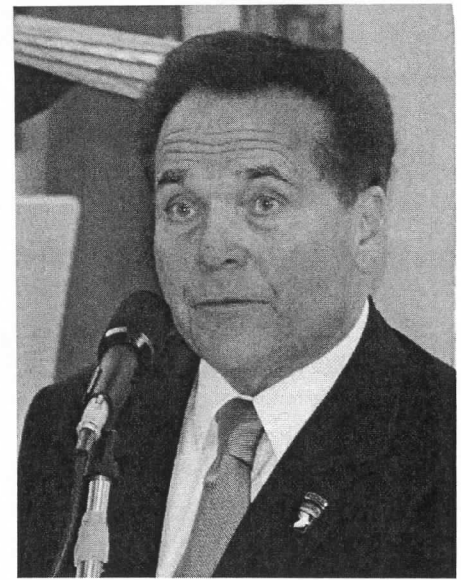




The following story pages 2-7 was published by STAG magazine and is from the scrapbook of Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65.



LTG(R) Henry E. (Hank) Emerson, CO 2/502 10/65-9/66, at the First Brigade reunion in Atlanta, Georgia.



Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65, speaking during the Fort Campbell ceremony honoring Medal of Honor recipient, Lieutenant James Gardner, Tiger Force 1/327.

Maintaining the Heritage

Fellow troopers of the 1st Brigade:

The heritage and camaraderie that began in the jungles of Viet Nam some forty five years ago has been kept alive through the leadership of "General Matt" and ably continued through the efforts of Ivan Worrell. This has resulted in twelve biennial reunions of our famous Brigade; however, MG Matt has made his last jump and Ivan has declared this will be the last reunion the Viet Nam magazine will sponsor.

This issue is being addressed by former brigade members, who feel, like most troopers (we believe), that the traditional 1st Brigade biennial reunions should be continued. However, continued with a modified approach that recognizes the logistic challenges and expense of putting on and attending multiple reunions in today's economic climate. The recommendation is that in 2012, the 1st Brigade 13th Biennial Reunion be held in conjunction with the annual reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association ON A TRIAL BASIS. Assuming the event proves to be a positive experience, it could provide the model for future 1st Brigade reunions.

There are several reasons for this approach:

- Many 1st Brigade troopers already belong to the 101st Airborne Division Association and this solution would eliminate the problems of competing reunions in years when the 1st Brigade reunions are held. (Association chapters have hosted the last two biennial reunions of the Brigade.)
- This approach will simplify the process for future Brigade reunion hosts by reducing the logistical, administrative and contractual activities now required to plan, publicize and execute a separate reunion.
- Eliminating one reunion every two years will lessen costs (travel, hotel, etc.) in these rough economic times for those who belong to both organizations.
- Combining the two reunions will provide opportunities to get with old buddies from division units outside the 1st Brigade (Separate) as well as provide opportunities to make new Screaming Eagle acquaintances.
- In addition to sustaining the heritage and traditions of our famous



Brigade, a combined reunion provides our members a chance to renew their ties with our vaunted Division and its world famous patch, the symbol that binds all Screaming Eagles, regardless of where, when and with whom they served.

The 101st Airborne Division Association has been reaching out to past members of the division who have their own unit groups, to offer the "big tent" to try and bring us closer together by gathering at the same time and place in order to reduce costs and to make it easier for those who have served in more than one unit of the division to rendezvous with all their old buddies. To facilitate multiple unit gatherings, the reunion format has been changed so that all day Thursday has been left available for camaraderie and unit functions in the evening. Friday is used for regimental dinners and Saturday for the Division Memorial Dinner. Under this concept we would see a 1st Brigade function on Thursday, such as a barbeque or picnic, etc. On Friday, members would go to their unit dinners if they chose to do that, and all would reassemble for the Saturday Memorial Dinner.

Current Association policy is that one does not have to be a member to attend their first reunion; however, they are expected to pay for reunion events in which they participate. The objective is to have first time attendees enjoy themselves so that they do eventually become members of the Association.

This notice is being provided to you, the past members of the First Brigade (S), now with the goal of bringing it up to the assembled veterans for a vote at Omaha. Assuming a positive response, planning for the 2012 13th Biennial Reunion will begin in conjunction with the reunion committee of the Association. Activities and costs are TBD at this time.

We the undersigned feel this is a reasonable and cost-effective way to continue the traditions of our Brigade. Your support for this initiative is requested.

Signed:

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- John Miller, (LTG(R) John E. Miller, 2/327 B 5/67-3/68)
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VIETCONG TARGET

"Gunfighter" Emerson:

Art by Mort Kunstler



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TOUGHEST PARATROOP COMMANDO in VIETNAM

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"Here they come!" Emerson shouted into the radio as the North Viets suddenly charged out of the flaming jungle—straight at his position.



" GUNFIGHTER " EMERSON

His 101st Airborne battalion of "jungle cats" takes over where other outfits leave off—forcing the enemy to stand and fight. And after every showdown, the VC jack up the price they've put on his head.

by **GLENN INFIELD**

THE men of the Second Battalion, 502nd Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, looked like ghostly specters as they materialized in the steamy jungle of Quang Duc Province on May 17, 1966. Their fatigues were caked with a mixture of sweat and red mud and, in some cases, blood. One sergeant had a bullet burn on his arm; another had a bullet hole in his pants leg.

For thirteen days these men of the 101st had been prowling the jungle near the Cambodian border searching for the Vietcong coming down the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Thirteen days without a hot meal, without a bath, except what they could manage in the leech-filled streams and in the same rain-soaked, foul-smelling clothes. Yet, their actions didn't match their bedraggled appearance.

They carried their M-16 automatic rifles at the ready, their M-60 machine guns, assorted grenade launchers, hand grenades and Bowie knives prepared for instant

action. The slim, hawk-faced officer leading them showed no sign of fatigue, despite the fact that he was several years older than his men. Thirteen days or thirteen weeks in the Vietnamese jungle made no difference to Lieutenant Colonel Henry "Gunfighter" Emerson. He was hunting the VC and he intended to find them.

"Hey, Colonel, look!"

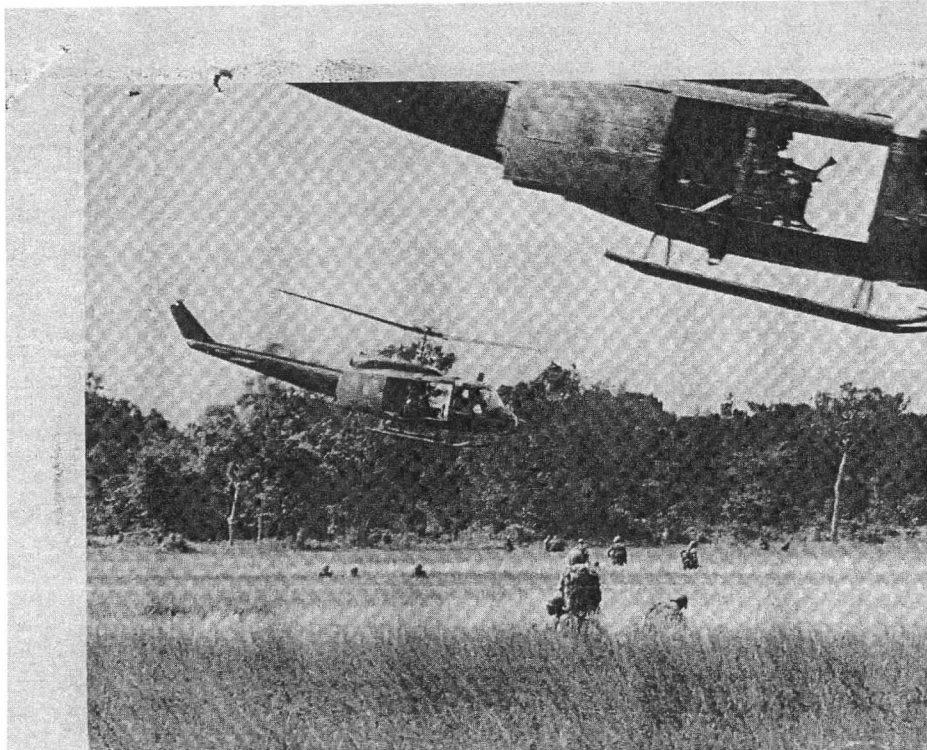
Emerson straightened slightly as the sergeant on his left pointed toward a figure lurking in the high elephant grass. The sergeant raised his rifle and took careful aim.

"Hold your fire," Emerson ordered. "Let's check the guy out first." Nodding to a Vietnamese interpreter, he asked, "Vietcong?"

The interpreter called to the man, speaking rapidly, his voice sharp. After a brief exchange, the figure in the elephant grass raised his hands and moved slowly toward them.

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First big test for Emerson's controversial counter-guerrilla tactics came in Quang Duc Province, when 2nd Bat., 502nd Reg. was flown in to search for North Viet infiltration trail.

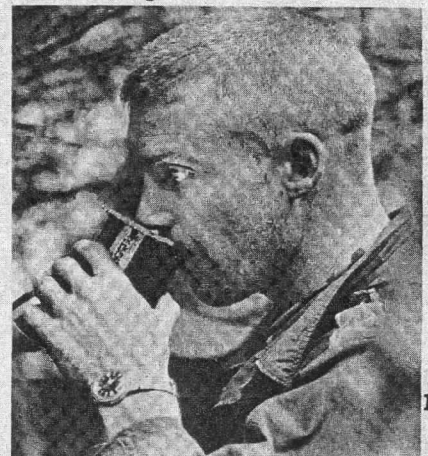


Emerson's troopers are equipped, trained to stay on a VC jungle-hunt for 10 to 15 days.



Air-drops would give away their position, so the men supplement food supply by living off jungle.

Capt. Bill Carpenter (below) handed Emerson one of the toughest decisions of his career.



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"GUNFIGHTER" EMERSON

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"Who is he?" Emerson asked, knowing that many a VC ambush had been triggered by just such tactics.

"He says he is a sergeant in the People's Army of Vietnam," the interpreter murmured. "He says that if we promise not to kill him, he will give us information."

"Keep him covered," Emerson ordered his men, meanwhile studying the approaching enemy soldier closely for any sign of a concealed grenade or other explosive. It could be a suicide attack on him—the VC had a price on his head. He saw nothing suspicious, however.

The enemy sergeant was thoroughly searched. Afterward, Emerson set up sentries around the area, on the alert for a surprise attack, then nodded for the prisoner to start talking. He didn't really expect the man to tell him anything he didn't know; the VC were notoriously close-mouthed. He was only half-listening to the chatter between the Vietnamese interpreter and the prisoner when suddenly he heard the interpreter draw in his breath sharply.

"Ambush! Ambush, Colonel. He says that a four-company force of PAVN soldiers are waiting for us a quarter of a mile ahead."

Emerson rubbed his hawk-nose and stared at the prisoner. "He's probably lying. Why would he spill his guts to us?"

"He says he's been trying to defect for a week. He wants to go to his family in Saigon."

Emerson looked at the interpreter. "Do you believe him?"

"Yes, Colonel. Yes."

Emerson studied his map carefully, saw that exactly a quarter of a mile ahead there was a steep draw—an ideal spot for an ambush. He knew that the VC were in the area and that the enemy was determined to keep the southern end of the Ho Chi Minh Trail open at all costs. Perhaps there were four companies up ahead waiting to pounce on his weary men.

He glanced around at them. Captain Ronald Brown, his beret cocked jauntily to the side of his head, had mud caked all over his face. Sergeant Henry Schiavone's eyes were mere slits as he stared at the VC prisoner. Sergeant Lawrence Koontz, a veteran of fourteen years and accustomed to the hardships of jungle patrol, looked exhausted as he sat hunched in the grass.

FOUR companies is a lot of PAVN, Emerson thought. Perhaps it would be best to call for the helicopters and get his men evacuated out of the jungle. It would save lives and avoid the ambush. Maybe the fighters could—

He shook his head angrily. The 101st didn't run from a fight. Never did and wasn't going to start now. Besides, this was the opportunity he had been waiting for to try out his controversial "checkerboard" concept of jungle fighting.

His decision made, Emerson got to his feet, called his men together. "All right, here's the situation," he said, point-

ing to the map. "There are four companies of PAVN waiting to ambush us about here. . . ."

So started one of the most bitter and most unique battles of the Vietnamese conflict, a battle which proved again that "Gunfighter" Emerson is one of the outstanding officers in the U.S. Army today.

The history of the 101st Airborne—the "Screaming Eagles"—is the history of combat at its best. During WW II, its paratroopers took part in the Normandy invasion, dropping north of Carentan and behind Utah Beach on D-Day, fought their way across France, participated in the ill-fated Operation Market-Garden at Arnhem, and helped knock the Nazis back into Germany after the Battle of the Bulge.

Men like Maxwell Taylor, Anthony "Nuts" McAuliffe, Matthew Ridgeway were at one time or another associated with the 101st. These officers and paratroopers devised and developed the attack-from-the-air techniques which were so important in combat during the latter stages of WW II and later in the Korean war.

Today, in Vietnam, the 101st has reached a level of "drop-hit" combat far beyond anything the paratroopers of twenty years ago thought possible. New aircraft, new type parachutes, new techniques and tactics, new weapons have made the Screaming Eagles one of the most feared units in the Southeast Asian conflict. In addition to the above listed advantages the Vietnam paratroopers have over their predecessors, they have one other distinct edge: they have "Gunfighter" Emerson.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry Emerson is a hard-driving soldier from Milford, Pennsylvania, who pushes his men relentlessly but is so skilled at it that they love him for it. As commander of the elite Second Battalion, 502nd Regiment, Emerson guides a crack unit whose men can meet the VC or North Vietnamese regulars in the jungle or in the open and more than hold their own.

"My effort is to try and beat the damned guerrilla at his own game," he told an officer in Saigon, before going back into the jungle in early May.

To do this, Emerson has sharpened his paratroopers into what amounts to a counter-guerrilla spearheading outfit which roams the elephant grass and tangled, swampy jungles for days hunting down enemy units. The VC, accustomed to American patrols searching for them for 24 hours and then returning to base, were shocked to discover that Emerson's men stayed and stayed and stayed, often as long as ten to fifteen days. Moving through the jungle at night as well as by day, the paratroopers operated in squad-size units, or smaller, moving independently, living on rice, meat rations, and water they carried on their backs. It wasn't necessary to have airdrops which would give away their position to the enemy. Besides the food they carried, they carted an assortment of weapons which made them ready for both man and beast—everything from modern automa-

tic rifles to Bowie knives and hatchets.

Many U.S. Army and South Vietnamese military experts shook their heads and insisted that such tactics would never work against the VC. Once the enemy overcame his initial shock that the paratroopers were in the jungle to stay awhile, the 502nd's fate would be sealed, these doubters said. The guerrillas would quickly summon reinforcements from their hidden outposts in the rugged terrain, surround the isolated paratroopers and cut them down in a bloody ambush. Emerson shrugged off his critics and insisted only on one favor: "Let me and my boys give it a try."

The Communists themselves brought it about. Early in May, intelligence determined that the North Vietnamese were bringing in at least 7000 soldiers a month in preparation for the monsoon offensive. Most of these enemy soldiers were moving down the Ho Chi Minh Trail, despite repeated B-52 bombings, bombings which slowed the tide but could not halt it. Finally, the decision was made to send Emerson and his men into the jungle along the Laotian-Cambodia border, 150 miles northwest of Saigon, to see if they could block the trail.

"THERE is no doubt that the North Vietnamese are coming down the border someplace," said General William C. Westmoreland, commander of all U.S. forces in Vietnam and a former commander of the 101st Airborne Division. "They may be crossing into South Vietnam from Laos, or Cambodia, or both. We have to find out where—and soon."

Emerson studied the map carefully while intelligence officers briefed him. One of the most strongly suspected cross-over areas, they told him, was in the Quang Duc Province around the village of Dak Song.

"How long do you think you and your men can stay in the jungle without reinforcements or a supply drop?" a Vietnamese major asked. "Five days?"

"Make it closer to fifteen," Emerson said.

"I don't believe that you can—"

"I said closer to fifteen, Major, and I know what I'm talking about. Do you have any further information, or can I get my men ready?"

The following day Emerson and his men were searching the rugged area around Dak Song, hunting for the vital trail the enemy was using. For eleven straight days they tracked the slopes, swamps and valleys of Quang Duc Province without spotting the enemy or any sign of the trail. Several times Emerson saw what he thought might be a part of the trail, but he couldn't be certain, because there was no sign of the VC or any enemy equipment.

He was discouraged. He knew that unless he could show results, his extended-patrol technique and his "checkerboard" combat tactics—whereby he controlled his distant squads, operating independently, by radio, moving them around the area like checkers until they could meet the enemy with the advantage of superior position—would be rejected as useless by his critics.

It was on the thirteenth day, when his men were reaching the limit of their supplies and endurance, that they made contact with the VC defector. The stage was set for the test of Emerson's theories. If he was right, the paratroopers would live to get out of the jungle. If he was wrong, he would die with them in the elephant grass. . . .

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Emerson plotted his attack on the ambushers carefully, moving his scattered units into place around the North Vietnamese soldiers hiding in the jungle. With Captain Brown taking his men to the north and Emerson directing others of his battalion to the south and on both flanks, the paratroopers silently crept into position.

"I'm going to call in the artillery and air support," Emerson radioed Captain Brown. "Get your men under cover, but keep them alert. When these ambushers get hit, they're going to make a break for the border. That's when we'll get them."

"All set here," Brown answered.

Emerson and the men of the 101st sheltered in caves or in hastily dug fox-holes while the jets spewed napalm onto the enemy's hiding place and artillery shells pounded the area. Watching, the colonel shook his head. "I don't see how anybody could live through that."

It didn't take him long to discover that they could. As he watched smoke from a napalm bomb billow skyward, he heard sergeant Pepper scream: "Here comes Charlie!"

Emerson swung around toward where the sergeant was pointing. North Vietnamese soldiers were racing through the burning jungle directly toward his position.

"Stop them! Give 'em hell!"

It was like trying to stop a colony of ants emerging from a huge anthill. The enemy was everywhere at once. Sergeant Henry Schiavone, a tough Philadelphian, jumped from his hiding place and stood spreadlegged in front of the oncoming enemy soldiers, firing steadily. Suddenly he dropped his weapon, grabbed his chest, half-turned back toward Emerson and sagged to the ground.

"I'll get him! I'll get him!" Sergeant Pepper yelled. Leaping to his feet, he started to run toward the wounded man.

"Get down you crazy—" Emerson belated. But it was too late. Pepper, caught in the crossfire of the PAVN troops, stumbled and fell face down in the elephant grass. He didn't move, didn't moan. He just lay there silently.

"It's that damned machine gun on our left, Colonel, that's knocking us off." Pfc Louis Aguila said. "I'll get it."

Emerson shook his head. One of his lieutenant's had tried to lob a grenade into the enemy machine gun position and had died in the attempt. Nineteen-year-old Aguila didn't stand a chance of silencing the gun.

"Stay where you are, and—"

But Aguila was already belling toward the machine gun nest, wriggling through the tangled growth. The body of the lieutenant suddenly blocked his way. Lying behind the dead officer a moment for a rest, he heard and felt enemy bullets rip into the body. Knowing that he couldn't advance any farther without being cut down, Aguila grabbed a hand grenade, armed it, and threw it toward the machine gun nest. It missed, but the explosion distracted the PAVN soldiers long enough for the private to leap over the dead lieutenant, race to within five yards of the gun position and toss another grenade. This second grenade wiped out the machine gun and the gunners.

MOVE in, Brown. Close in on them," Emerson radioed, at the same time signaling the men around him to tighten the noose.

There was a lull in the fighting and Sergeant Lawrence Koontz, a combat veteran, started crawling forward to get Pepper. He had gone only a few yards when once again all hell broke loose. Brown, who was coming down from the north with his men, grabbed the wounded sergeant and dragged him to safety.

Hemmed in by the paratroopers, the North Vietnamese sought vainly to escape, to find a way out of the trap. Everytime they moved in a different direc-

tion, however, Emerson radioed one of his squads which immediately cut off the escape route.

The enemy's losses mounted as Emerson shifted his small squads with lightning speed and accuracy. When the battle ended, the PAVN left behind at least a hundred of their dead and this was only a fraction of the toll. Blood-stained trails through the jungle showed where the enemy had dragged many of their dead and wounded with them when they scattered and crept toward the sanctuary of Cambodia.

The success of "Gunfighter" Emerson and his men in Quang Duc Province quieted critics of the colonel's "checkerboard" tactics and extended patrol procedure. It also slowed down considerably the infiltration of North Vietnamese reinforcements coming down the Ho Chi Minh Trail in preparation for the monsoon offensive.

In the fighting, American casualties were light, totaling six dead and twelve wounded. While Emerson admitted that he hated to lose even one man to the enemy, he also agreed that in ratio to the enemy dead, his paratroopers had fared well.

Emerson's tactics for seeking out and destroying the VC were quickly adopted by other units. The colonel and his men continued to revise and refine their "checkerboard" combat maneuvers and stayed longer and longer in the jungle with their own provisions and supplies on their backs.

A month later they once again ran into a large group of the enemy near Tou Morong, and Emerson came up against the toughest decision of his military career.

Moving his mobile units around the jungle as usual by radio, he had managed to trap a North Vietnamese regiment. The commander of C Company which had the regiment pinned down was Captain Bill "Lonesome End" Carpenter. When the North Vietnamese discovered that they were trapped and had no place to run, they counterattacked before Emerson could move reinforcements in to help Carpenter. Suddenly the radio cracked in the colonel's ear:

"Put the napalm right on us," Carpenter called. "They are overrunning us. At least we'll get some of them, too."

Emerson hesitated. If he did as Carpenter suggested many, if not all, of C Company would certainly be killed along with the enemy. It was suicide, sure death for his own men. The hawk-nosed colonel sat and stared out into the jungle toward the spot where Carpenter and his company were fighting. What he was thinking no one knows. Those near him saw him close his eyes momentarily then suddenly open them again, nod his head toward his radioman, and in a firm voice order the planes.

"Get the air strikes started. Put the napalm right on the company—as Carpenter asked."

It was several hours before Emerson learned that not all of C Company was lost, that Carpenter and many of his men had survived the air strike and were later evacuated by helicopter to safety. His reaction when he got the news was: "Carpenter's a real soldier."

So is Lieutenant Colonel Henry E. Emerson. Not only do his superiors and his own men know it, but so does the enemy. The price they've put on his head goes up each week, but Gunfighter just laughs at warnings from his fellows to take care.

"Me stick close to the command post? They haven't made the VC who can make a Screaming Eagle back down." ♦ ♦ ♦

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1st Brigade (S) CHALLENGE COIN

This challenge coin is a beautiful example of taking a great design and having skilled artists produce a coin that any unit would be proud of. Designed by Roger M. John [1/327 C 7/67-12/68] for the 9th Biennial 1st Brigade (S) Reunion in Phoenix, Arizona in September of 2004, it is appropriate for any use or time because it is not identified with that reunion.



[1 1/2 inch is actual size]

The 1 1/2 inch diameter coin is crafted in vivid colors, has a beveled edge and is coated with a clear acrylic to preserve the coin's surface. (It is unfortunate that it cannot be shown here in color.) Cost is \$10.00 per coin, postpaid. See page 34 for order form.



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Dear Ivan, please support the proposed Gold Star Mothers National Monument: <http://www.gsmmonument.org/> The Screaming Eagle Division will be represented by the images of 1st Sgt Alex Vaczi, KIA Tuy Hoa, 1966 and his mother. I have sent the sculptor, Andrew Chernak, said images provided by Alex's son, James. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated. You can find promotional materials worthy of copy at the website provided. Please make your members aware of this worthy effort, perhaps by a short article in your magazine and/or website. Pins, suitable for veteran's hats or lapels are available for purchase or donations. God Bless America's Gold Star Moms and "The First Screaming Eagles in Vietnam!" Respectfully submitted, Grif.

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I wanted to say hi to my former comrades-in-arms, and wish them well.

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I was a RTO with C 2/327. Trying to find a Mark Polowski. We served together as RTOs 1966. Anybody remembers us please e-mail me. Thanks

Editor's Note: I do not have a Mark Polowski in my database. Can anyone help?

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See Chuck Payne's picture of COL Joe Wasco's birthday party on page 16.



Allen Christensen at 2-327 Beach Party

LTC(R) Allen R. Christensen, 2/327 HHC & C 6/65-7/66 at Tuy Hoa around May, 1966.

Ivan Worrell, publisher of the First Brigade (Separate) magazine, "The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam," and 1st Bde PIO 1966-67, please meet Allen Christensen, former 1st Lt. turned Captain in 1966 and CO of 4-deuce platoon, 2/327 1965-66.

Allen, it is my pleasure to introduce Ivan. Ivan has single-handedly kept alive the brotherhood and history of the 1st Bde (Separate) through his publication of the quarterly magazine and promotion of biennial reunions.

(Allen, you have to be careful what you say to Ivan in an email because you are likely to see it again in print in the next issue of the magazine.)

Allen, I really encourage you to join the First Brigade. Ivan can fill you in on the details. It is dirt-cheap, the reunions are outstanding and the magazine is too. You will enjoy both.

Once and Always an Eagle! Always First! No Slack!
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On behalf of the family of Jackie Waymire, family of Ronnie Ferrell (deceased) and myself I want to extend my sincere appreciation for the recent article in "The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam." I am forwarding copies to Michael Plummer our CO who also helped with the upgrade and to others who served with Jackie as well as his parents. We are still waiting for the preliminary review of the upgrade and I will let you know the results. Hopefully someone else may come forward with additional information that may help our cause. Thanks again and I will be sending in my renewal thanks for the reminder.

Re: April 2010 Issue

+ JOHN E. PAGEL, II, 1/327 B 5/65-1/66
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Reading about the event on Highway 13 December 9, 1965, (April 2010 issue, page eight – U.S. Postal Service) makes it seem like yesterday. Benny Coe was a walking poster boy for the Airborne, built like a bull and nobody could ever forget that blond, blond hair of his. Jim Bailey was one of eight of us transferred together from HHC 3rd Brigade to B 1/327 in May of 1965 for the trip across the water. Jim was the driver for the Brigade Commander of the 3rd, LTC Olin E. Smith, when the levy came down. Jim was the only one of our group that actually volunteered to transfer to the 1st Brigade, the rest of us were "volunteered."

Cover song

+ COL(R) THOMAS H. TAYLOR, 2/502 B 7/65-6/66
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thtxxx@aol.com

The April cover took me back to when the troopers sang this to a popular tune from maybe a James Bond movie. Anyone know for sure? Anyway it went like this:

Cong, Vee-ett Cong, Vee-ett Cong, Vee-ett Cong, Vee-ett Cong --
Here we come.



We got the five-oh-deuce so what's the use.
We got the three-two-seven, straight from heaven.
Chorus.

Don't remember more lyrics if there were any, but it pleased and surprised me how the troopers expressed their confidence and defiance in song. Were there any other songs like that? Certainly not like there were in WWII. None to my knowledge have come out of the wars in the Middle East. I wouldn't be singing either if I were there.

Editor's Note: Thanks Tom! Hope you will attend the reunion in October.

TIM WRIGHT
twiam711@bellsouth.net

Dear Sir,

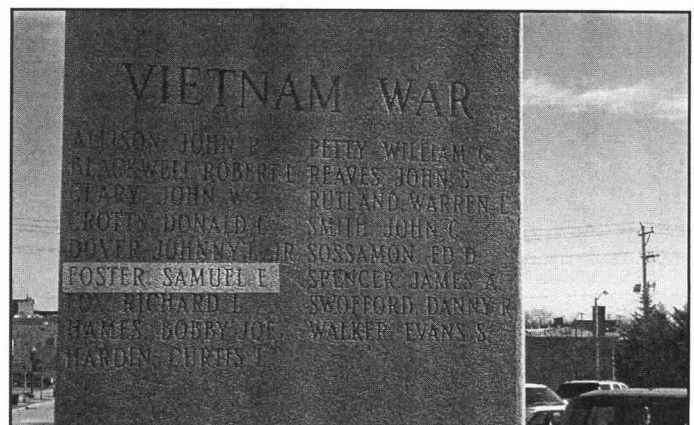
My Uncle Robert David Wright from Georgia DOB (07-22-46) served in Vietnam with the 101st 1st Brigade in 1965. David died in 2002 from complications of Diabetes. How can I find out more about his service?

Tim Wright, 931-624-4478

Editor's Note: Can anyone help?

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I stopped in Gaffney S. C., on the 23rd of March 2010, and Lou took a picture of a Monument with Samuel Foster's name. He was killed 24 March 68. Thought I would share the picture.



Memorial Day Bob Hudson
+ ROBERT C. HUDSON, 2/327 C & HHC 6/65-7/66
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As we are driving up for Col. Wasco's funeral at Arlington tomorrow, it gives me pause to remember our fallen comrades and what an honor it was to have served with them and with you. Thank you for your service to our Country. Regards, Bob

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+ DEAN J. BEAUPRE, 2/502 A 1/67-1/68, 3469 Fancher Rd., Holley, NY 14470-9393, (585) 638-2327 wrote: Even though my subscription doesn't expire until July, I would like to renew for two more years. Enclosed is fifty dollars for two years plus a little extra to help with expenses. Keep up the good work, you are doing a great thing for all of us.

Look forward to seeing you in Omaha. Best wishes to you.

+ CSM(R) HARVEY P. APPLEMAN, 2/327 HQ 2/67-3/68, 39 Abby Lynn Circle, Clarksville, TN 37043-4066, (931) 358-2206 wrote: Keeping up with my war brothers as always. Renewal enclosed. I will see you at our next reunion. I have registered Molly and me. Looking forward to a great time meeting all my war brothers and their wives. Hope we can stay a float in some form.

+ DONALD R. LENC, 2/320 FA HHB 6/67-6/68, 5240 Windfall Rd., Medina, OH 44256-8750, work (216) 276-0977, home (330) 722-1879 wrote: I'm sending this check for my renewal for one year and extra to help where needed. I'm planning on going to the Omaha reunion and will be sending in registration, etc., soon. I always enjoy the paper and hope to be getting it for many more years. Take care of yourself and I'll see you in Omaha in October. (HHB 2/320 Arty, Red Leg RTO C 2/327 Inf 6/67-6/68)

+ COL(R) GEORGE W. AUX, JR., 2/320 FA HHB, A, B 1/67-8/68, 1529 Crenshaw Point, Wake Forest, NC 27587-7378, (919) 435-7007 wrote: Thank you for all you do for the 1-101st! Please renew me for another year of memories.

I'll not be able to attend the Biennial Reunion out west this year but hope it is not the last.

A little bit more to plus-up the pot is added.

+ BG(R) JOHN W. COLLINS, III (Rip), DCO 7-12/67 CO 12/67-7/68, 210 Hillview Dr., San Antonio, TX 78209-2205, (210) 822-0873 along with his subscription renewal wrote: Sorry but unable to attend the Reunion. The golden years have come and gone – old age has taken over. Actually at 89 I feel good and keep busy.

Am unable to travel but keep in touch with some of the 1967 group by telephone.

Enclosed is an extra \$50.00 (forwarded to Terry Zahn) for beer or whatever in the hospitality room at the Omaha reunion.

+ COL(R) MELVIN GARTEN, 2/327 CO 10/65-5/66, 1200 Overlook Dr #207, Lake Oswego, OR 97034-6953, (503) 638-3568, email: <mgarten697@aol.com> wrote: For me, a young soldier (89!) who has that CIB 2 stars and the wounds and decorations from each of the WWII, Korea and Vietnam conflicts ... the attached letter is the sweetest I have ever received.

But more important are the thoughts, memories and reflections of the 101st ABN for a kid who was a rifleman.

It makes me very proud what we were and how we are today.

Anyway ... print or not as you see fit!

+ WILLIAM V. LARSEN, 2/327 B ELT 65-7/66, 442 Otisco Drive, Westfield, NJ 07090-2716, (908) 233-2217 wrote: Dear COL Garten: I served under your command in Viet Nam as Spec4 rifleman (plus other talents) with "B" Co 2nd BN 327th Infantry (Airborne). I sailed over with the 1st Brigade on the luxury troop carrier, "Leroy Eltinge" in July 1965.

My foxhole buddy big time, Ray Lake, mentioned that you might like to hear from one of your old troopers – well, here I am and I salute you sir.

I want you to know – the proudest moments of my life were spent under your command. The Band of Brothers can't hold a candle to what we "NOMADS," accomplished in that first year 65-66. "Above the Rest" was more than a motto. I will be undergoing a re-arrangement of my heart valves/plumbing shortly at East Orange VA Hospital here in the lovely state of NJ. I wanted you to know – all of us, would have followed you anywhere. The best officers in the best Airborne Infantry Regiment in the 101st Airborne Division.

I hope the years have been good to you. After serving in three wars you really deserved it.

I married my high school sweetheart ten days before we shipped out of Ft. Campbell for Viet Nam. I am happy to report that we are still married and together, have three sons who are all doing well in their chosen fields of endeavor – even in this dismal economy.

I did very well in civilian life rising to CEO as a Marine Insurance Broker/Underwriter in New York. Retired now.

When things got really tough – I could always say, "if I got through Viet Nam – I could get through anything." It's worked for me.

What really counted was our service together though.

We always accomplished our mission, We always did it with honor, We always followed your leadership, We did it with the finest men on the planet.

Thank you Sir ... Airborne!



+ CSM(R) ROBERT A. YOUNG, HHC CSM 6/66-6/67, 2 North East Street, Green City, MO 63545-1024, (660) 874-5123 when renewing his subscription wrote: I have macular degeneration in both eyes! Difficult to read or prepare checks! The VA Hospital is working with me hopefully to restore vision in one eye. Afraid my reunion days are over unless the vision improves! Sad to get old. Ha!

Airborne

P.S. A little extra. Hope your family is AOK!!

+ DIANE KUZNEZOV, Family (George "Doc" 2/502 HHC RECON 6/67-5/68), P.O. Box 781, Burdett, NY 14818-0781, (607) 546-8533 wrote when receiving a subscription renewal notice: I thought I would renew this, but the VA widow's benefits have not been given to me yet. The only thing they have done for me is take back Dec. \$. I'm without an income and having problems paying my bills. Wishing you and your family all the best in the future.

Editor's Note: I have renewed her subscription for a year. Thanks to those who send extra for this type of support.

+ BEN MELTON, 2/320 Arty HHB 6/67-10/67, 104 Stratmore Cr., Bossier City, LA 71111-2286, (318) 747-5245 wrote: I think it was four years ago you cautioned people about paying for subscriptions in advance – due to your age, health, etc.

Well we are about the same age. I paid two years in advance, two times. Looks like it is working out for both of us!

Thanks for the work you do.

Regards, Ben Melton, LNO 2/502 6/67-10/67

+ MICHAEL A. "Photog" WILLEY, Brigade PIO 9/66-10/67, 32176 Chester, Garden City, MI 48135-1742, work (734) 718-4945, home (734) 458-1501 along with his subscription renewal wrote: Is it possible that you could get a list of all who worked through PIO on a separate list so that we might be able to connect with each other? I have tried to find the names in the directory section of the issues, but to no avail. I am sure that I am not the only member of the Bde PIO section that subscribes to this periodical.

I am also looking for Michael T. Martin who was with the 1st Bde Separate from 1966 to 67. He was from the Detroit area.

If you can be of any help in these matters, please let me know.

Editor's Note: If you served in the Brigade Information Section please contact Michael. I will send him all that are identified as Information Specialists. I do not have a Michael T. Martin in my database. Can anyone help?

+ WILLIAM V. LARSEN, 2/327 B ELT 65-7/66, 442 Otisco Drive, Westfield, NJ 07090-2716, work (908) 233-5656, home (908) 233-2217 wrote: Sorry I forgot renewal! Got a good excuse though – just had open-heart surgery valve replacement and bypass. Feeling pretty good now. I'll drop and give you 20. My check is attached.

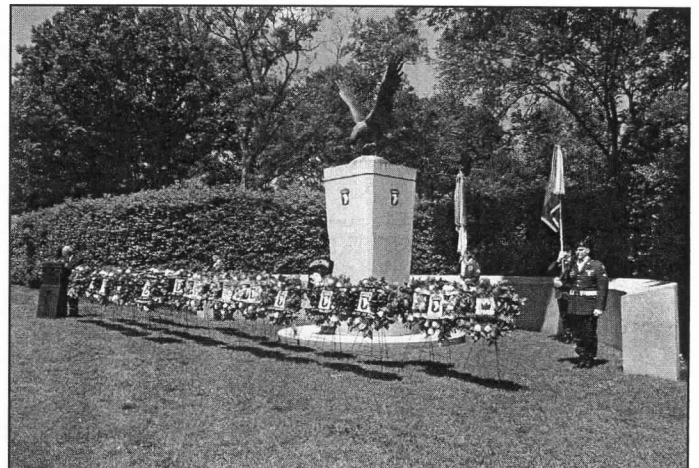
Best Regards, Bill Larsen, "Above the Rest"

+ = Current Subscriber

Memorial Day 2010



At the 2010 Memorial Day Observance at the 101st Airborne Division Monument just outside Arlington Cemetery (L to R) CSM(R) Joseph M. Bossi, 2/327 HHC 6/66-7/67, Honorary Sergeant Major of the 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment and LTC(R) Richard C. Schonberger, 2/327 HHC 7/66-7/67, prepare to lay the First Brigade (Separate) 101st Airborne Division "ALWAYS FIRST" wreath. (Photo sent by Dick Schonberger)



C. K. Gailey, President, National Capital Area Chapter, Master of Ceremonies for the memorial service, speaks to the gathered Screaming Eagle Veterans and their families at the 2010 Memorial Day Observance at the 101st Airborne Division Monument in Arlington, Virginia. (Photo sent by Dick Schonberger)

2010 Reunion Registrations as of 6/2/2010

Joe R. Alexander
3/506 A 4/67-10/68

Charles "Jim" Apodaca and Joyce
2/502 B 5/66-7/66

CSM(R) Harvey P. Appleman and Molly
1 & 2/327 HQ 2/67-3/68

Butler A.(Buddy) Baldwin, Jr. and Gail
2/327 A 7/67-7/68

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

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

Dr. Henry F. "Hank" Beck, Jr. Ph.D.
2/327 B & HHC 4/66-4/67

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

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

William A. Bowen and Evelyn
2/327 Hawks 6/66-6/67

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

Robert Bursleson
Photographer

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

George Day and Shirley
2/327 HQ 6/65-6/66

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

John J. Dorsey and Carol
2/327 A 6/66-5/67

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

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

Wade D. Hansen and Vonnice
2/327 B 6/67-11/67

Fred J. Hillyard
2/327 HHQ & C 6/66-6/67

L. W. Johnson
2/327 A 10/66-9/67

Robert Johnston and Kathryn
SPT BN 7/65-3/66

Gerard Landry and Young-Lan
2/502 A (Cdr) & HHC 7/64-7/66

John P. Lawton
2/327 A 66-67

Richard Luttrell and Carole
2/327 A 3/67-3/68

LTC(R) Louis M. McDonald and Lista
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2/327 B 5/66-10/66

Tom McMullan and Tom McMullan III
2/502 B 6/65-5/66

Ray Millard and Carolyn
2/327 B 1/67-1/68

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

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

Bill Oberli and Sue
2/327 B 2/67-2/68

COL(R) Richard I. Porter, M.D. and Marlys
2/327 HHQ 4/67-4/68

Sarah Quarles
Reunion Staff

Fred Ranck
1/327 A 12/68-1/70

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

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

Billy R. Robbins
1/327 A 11/62-9/66

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

Pastor Samuel Sassaman and Mona
2/327 B 65-67

Anthony Saucedo
2/327 B 7/66-7/67

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

George (Rod) Tillman
2/502 A & B 8/67-12/68

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

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

James A. Wilson and Judith
2/327 B 9/66-8/67

Ivan Worrell
BDE HQ 4/66-4/67

Larry M. Young and Vera
2/327 HHC 9/67-9/68

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



OBITUARIES



Hubert A. "Andy" Greene 2/327 A dates?

In the April magazine section in bad addresses you list Herbert "Andy" Greene as a bad address. Andy was one of my NCOs in A Company and he passed away about a year ago. Apparently his wife has moved or at least isn't interested in continuing "The Always First Brigade Magazine."

Larry Redmond, (2/327 A 5/67-2/68)
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MSG(R) Edwin C. Lundquist 2/327 C 65-66

Notification was received that MSG(R) Edwin C. Lundquist was deceased on 15 Apr 2009. No other information was given.

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

Roderick Marshall, 69, retired from the U.S. Postal Service, died March 28, 2010. He was an Army veteran. Visitation was April 2nd and Services on Saturday, April 3rd both at N. J. Ford & Sons Funeral Home. Burial Monday, April 5th in West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery. He leaves his wife, Willola Marshall; three daughters, 12 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Published in *The Commercial Appeal* on April 2, 2010.

James J. Moffat 181 MI Det. 9/65-9/66

A subscription renewal form was returned for James Moffat of 447 4th Ave., Scranton, PA 18505-1028 marked deceased. No other info is available.

CSM(R) Albert Monk 326 ENGR A 7/65-8/66

CSM (R) Albert Monk was born October 25, 1927, and departed this life on February 15, 2010. Services were held on February 19th at McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home, Clarksville, Tennessee, with Rev. Terrell Marcom officiating. Interment was at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with full military honors.

This notice was sent by SFC (R) John Sands, A Co 326 ENGRS 7/65-7/66. He wrote, "CSM (Ret) Al Monk, took A Co 326 ENGRS to Viet Nam in July 1965 to July 1966. He was the first Screaming Eagle."

SFC (Ret) Joseph L. Montoya (1930 - 2009) 2/320 FA HQ 65-66

SFC (Ret) Joseph L. Montoya, 79, Clarksville, died Friday, September 11, 2009, at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital. A funeral mass was held on September 18th, 2009, at St. Michaels Catholic Church with Father David Kennedy officiating. Burial was in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Sykes Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of arrangements.

Published in *The Leaf Chronicle* (Clarksville, Tennessee) on September 18, 2009.

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

COL(R) Joseph Wasco, Jr., age 87, of Union Bridge, Maryland, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at the Gettysburg Hospital in Gettysburg, PA.

Born January 18, 1923, in Trenton, N.J., he was the son of the late Joseph, Sr., and Elizabeth (Dringus) Wasco. He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Marie (Fazakas) Wasco on February 24, 2009.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving the United States in a life long career, spending time in Europe, the Far East, Hawaii and throughout the United States. He served during WWII, Korea and the Vietnam War. From 1963-66 he spent time in the Special Forces as a Green Beret, he also served on the Airborne Test Board at Ft. Bragg, N.C. During the Vietnam War he served with the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles, commanding the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment under the call name "Wild Gypsy," retiring in the late 1970s as a full bird Colonel.

He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Taneytown.

Surviving are children, Marie E. Wasco of Union Bridge, MD and Joseph Wasco, III of Hawaii, granddaughter, Marahea and a great-granddaughter Jené.

He was the last of his immediate family. Also surviving is a devoted caregiver, Maryanne Turner.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM, on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 44 Frederick St., Taneytown with Msgr. Martin E. Feild as celebrant. There will be no public visitation. A Prayer Service was held at 8:00 AM in the Old Post Chapel, Ft. Myer, VA, followed by interment with full military honors at 8:45 AM in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Catherine's Nursing Center, 331 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

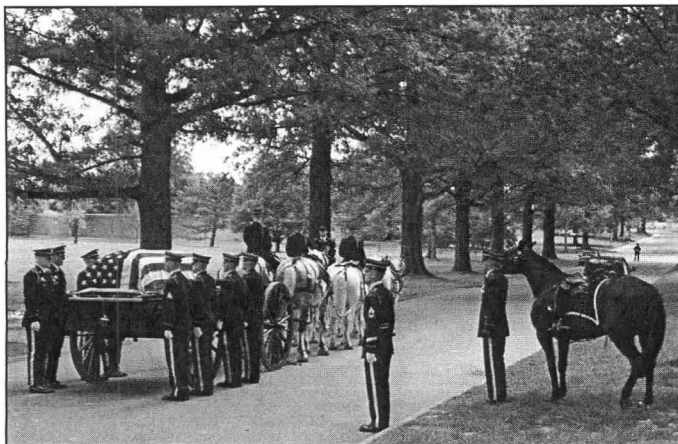
Arrangements were made by Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home in Taneytown, Maryland.



These veterans who served in the 2nd Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry in Viet Nam when Colonel Joe Wasco was commander posed for a photo after the funeral. They are (L to R) LTC(R) Allen R. Christensen, 2/327 HHC & C 6/65-7/66; LTC(R) Charles L. "Chuck" Beegle, 2/327 C 1/66-1/67; COL(R) Michael J. Sierra, 2/327 C 7/65-7/66; MG(R) Larry G. Lehowicz, HHC & 2/327 66-67 and Robert C. Hudson, 2/327 C & HHC 6/65-7/66. (Photo sent by Bob Hudson)



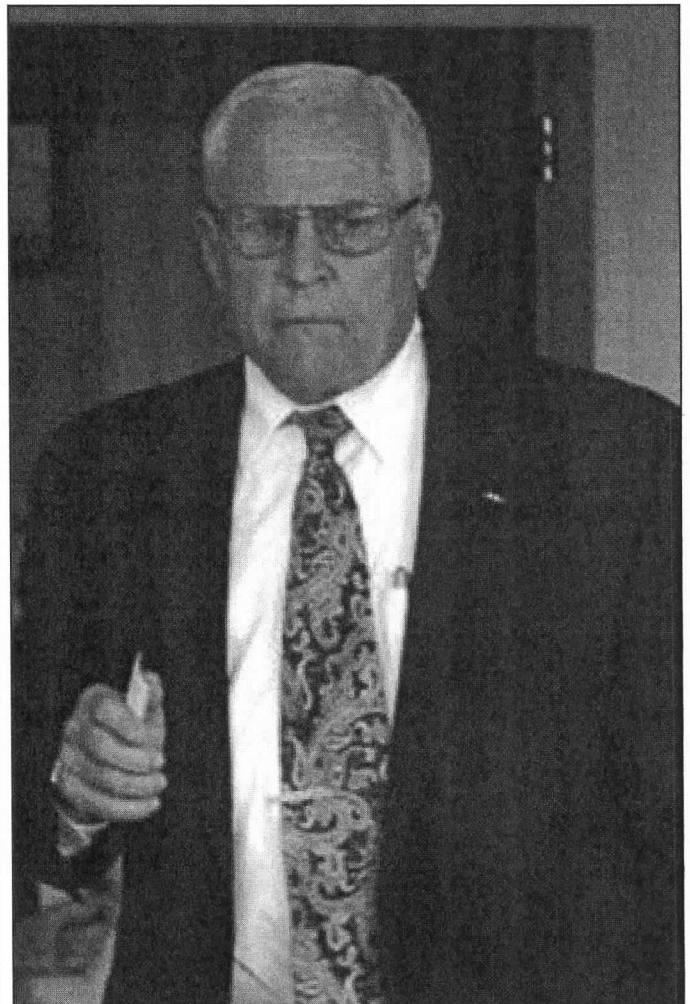
Soldiers from The Old Guard adjust the colors on the coffin of Colonel Joe Wasco while a contingent of The United States Army Band wait in the background. (Photo sent by Arline Field)



Troopers from The Old Guard prepare to move the casket containing the remains of COL(R) Joseph Wasco, Jr., 2/327 CO 1/66-1/67, to his gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery while the caparisoned horse and the "cap walker," observe from the right. (Photo sent by Bob Hudson)



The Old Guard funeral detail prepare to fold the colors in preparation to presenting them to Joe Wasco, Jr. (Photo sent by Arline Field)



LTC(R) Charles T. (Tom) Furgeson, 2/327 A & HHC 5/66-5/67, delivers remarks at the brunch following the funeral service for Colonel Wasco. (Photo sent by Bob Hudson)

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.myersdurborawfh.com.



1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

CASE COLORS PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT



During the Casing of Colors ceremony Friday, Col. Andrew Poppas, the 1st Brigade Combat Team Commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson furled the 1st BCT colors while retired Lt. Col. Louis McDonald and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Bossi furled the Regimental colors.

Photo by Spc. Kimberly K. Menzies | 4th BCT

The Fort Campbell Courier – April 22, 2010

by Spc. Kimberly K. Menzies, 4th Brigade Combat Team

After many months of preparation for deployment to Afghanistan, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, held a Casing of the Colors Ceremony Friday.

Bastogne Soldiers, Families and friends attended the heartfelt ceremony designed to celebrate the brigade's rich legacy of answering the nation's call to action.

The casing of the colors symbolizes the transfer of a unit's force from its home to a surrogate headquarters location.

The ceremony included patriotic music played by the 101st Airborne Division Army Band and inspirational words of pride and thanks from Col. Andrew Poppas, the 1st Brigade Combat Team commander.

"Soldiers of the Bastogne Brigade, throughout this year you have made me proud," said Poppas. "You have done what your country, Army and I have asked. You have proven yourselves time and time again, accomplishing every task set before you."

"All of you should be very proud of the hard work and sacrifice it has taken to get you to this ceremony. That hard work will pay off as we face the challenges before us."



Poppas also praised the support the brigade had received from the Soldiers' Families and friends, letting everyone know how much that contributes to the unit's success.

"We could not have accomplished everything we did as we trained without your support," Poppas emphasized to the Family members present. "We owe a great deal to you."

During the ceremony Poppas and Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Benson furled the 1st BCT colors while retired Lt. Col. Louis McDonald and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Bossi furled the Regimental colors.

The colors under which a unit fights represent the history, honor and esprit de corps of the Soldiers who belong to that unit. The casing of the colors of the 1st Brigade Combat Team symbolizes the departure of the brigade from Fort Campbell. This precedential occasion held meaning to many beyond just what was presently conveyed.

"There are no words to really describe what it feels like," said McDonald, who was a member of the Regiment in 1966 and helped earn two of the Brigade's campaign streamers that adorn the Regimental colors. "To be able to be part of this again is second heaven."

Each battalion cased their colors as the brigade's colors were covered. All of colors will be unfurled in Afghanistan as each unit assumes responsibility for their areas of operation in the country.

With a campaign plan centered on open communication with other units and trust forged between the local community and security forces of Afghanistan, 1st BCT is ready for the mission ahead.

We are honed to a razor's edge, sharp and ready to carry out the mission at hand, said Poppas. There is no doubt that we are ready.

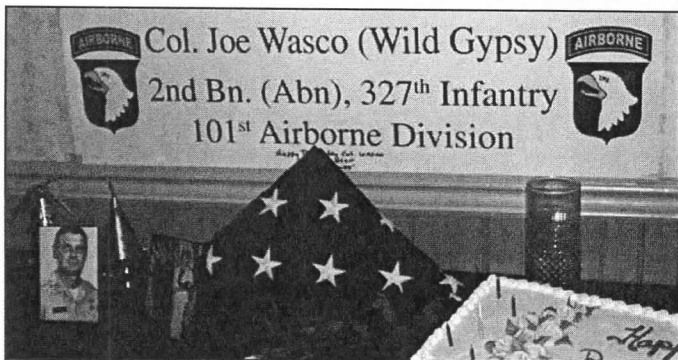
"It is an honor to be able to serve at this critical time in the conflict," Poppas added.

"I assure you that Bastogne will persevere, we will overcome and we will be successful."

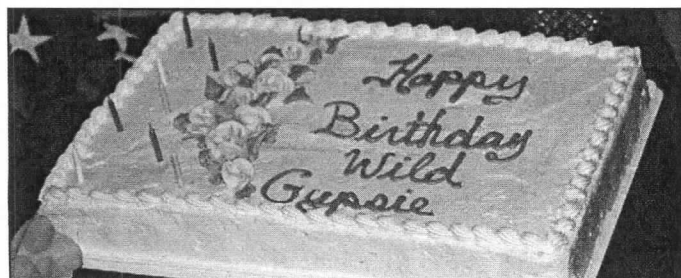
Editor's Note: The writer failed to mention that LTC(R) Louis M. McDonald, 2/327 B 5/66-10/66, is Honorary Colonel of the 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment and that CSM(R) Joseph M. Bossi, 2/327 HHC 6/66-7/67, is Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment.



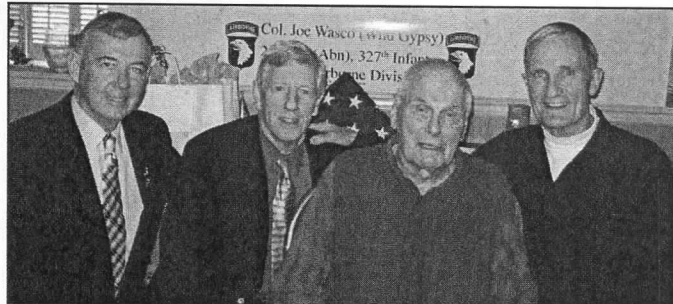
COL JOE WASCO'S 87th BIRTHDAY PARTY



Robert C. Hudson, 2/327 C & HHC 6/65-7/66, sent the following story along with the photos shown on this page. Hi Ivan, I've attached some pictures from the birthday party we had for Col. Wasco back in January. I've put names with the pictures and give a brief description of who they were below. I also made the pictures smaller in size in order to send them by email. If you need them in larger pixels and format just let me know. Regards, Bob Hudson. Some of the folks in the pictures are: Bob Hudson – went over on the Eltinge in 1965, platoon leader in C/2/327, later in tour was Asst S-3 of 2/327. Larry Lehowicz – went over on the Eltinge, platoon leader in A/2/327, later in tour was S-3 Air of 2/327. Larry retired as a Major General. Al Christensen – either went over on the Eltinge or was in the advance party. Held several positions in 2/327 including 4.2" mortar platoon leader and S-2. Commanded Provisional D Company in Battle of Trung Luong. Mac McClain – Went over in 1965 with Brigade HQ, became S-3 of 2/327 in November 1965 and served in that role through summer of 1966. Tom Furgeson - commanded A Company in Battle of Trung Luong in 1966. Joined the battalion in late 1965 or early 1966. Lou McDonald – platoon leader and joined 2/327 in the middle of Battle of Trung Luong. Chuck Payne – a Lt in 2/327. Joined the battalion in early 1966. John Gilboux – joined the battalion as XO summer of 1966. It was a great party for Col. Wasco, Wild Gypsy. There were about 30 guys there from the battalion and a great time was had by all. Col. Wasco was completely surprised. There were many stories told about Col. Wasco and the 2/327 and a lot of love in the room. Many thanks to Tom Furgeson and for Col. Wasco's neighbors for putting the party together. A few weeks after the party, he fell and died a couple of weeks later. His funeral was June 1st at Arlington Cemetery and about 40 of his guys planned to be there, including yours truly. Col. Wasco was an outstanding combat leader. We stayed in touch over the years and I enjoyed talking with him very much.



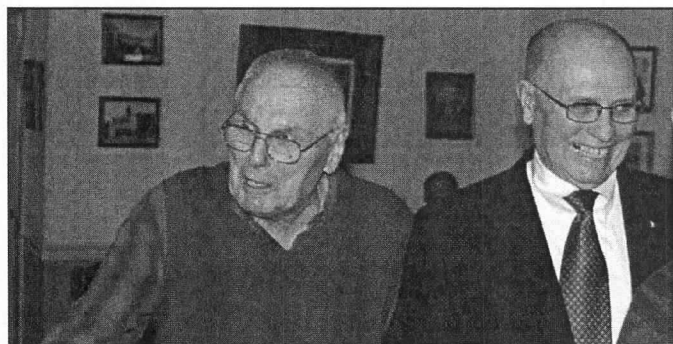
Editor's Note: Chuck Payne, 2/327 HHC & Bde HHC 12/65-11/66, also sent pictures.



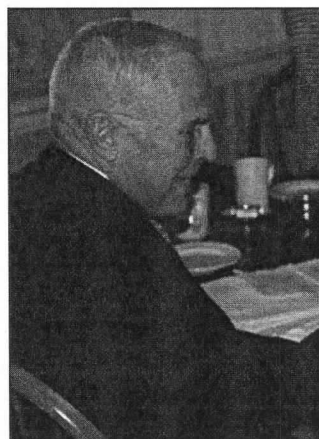
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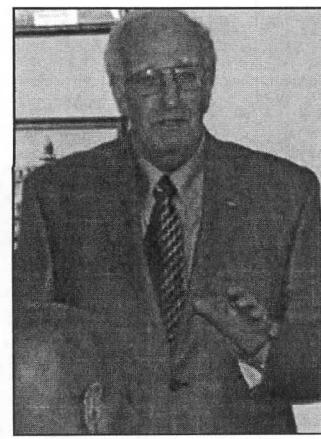
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(L to R) COL(R) Joseph Wasco, Jr., 2/327 CO 1/66-1/67, and LTC(R) Louis M. McDonald, 2/327 B 5/66-10/66, who now serves as Honorary Colonel of the 327th Airborne Infantry Regiment.



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Jungle Hunt

Capt. Julius F. Johnson, Leavenworth, Kan., (right) and his radio-telephone operator (RTO), Spec. 4 Charles H. Bridgeman, Searly, Ark., move along a jungle trail during Operation Klamath Falls. Johnson commands A Co. of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. (Photo by Spec. 4 Ben Croxton)

19,192 Since 1965

Awards Given to Troopers

PHAN RANG—Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade have distinguished themselves by valorous and meritorious service during their two and a half years in Vietnam.

Since July 29, 1965, 19,192 awards have been presented to paratroopers of this command.

Brig. Gen. S.H. Matheson, brigade commander, insures outstanding performance of duty is honored. The responsibility for this mountain of paperwork falls to the Awards and Decorations Section of the Adjutant General's Office.

WO Loren Harrel, Dumas, Tex., and his team of specialists swings into action once a unit of the brigade recommends a trooper for a valorous or meritorious award.

During Operation Wheeler, for example, 2,638 awards were processed, approved and presented—including 431 for valor and 240 Purple Hearts.

In 1967, one Medal of Honor, nine Distinguished Service Crosses, nine Distinguished Flying Crosses, 125 Silver Stars, 20 Soldier's Medals, 647 Bronze Stars for Valor, 587 Army Commendation Medals for Valor and 45 Air Medals for Valor were presented.

The magnitude of this job requires round-the-clock duty in the section.

Spec. 4 Kenneth Noble, Memphis, Tenn., supervises the process. Working with him are Spec. 4 Robert L. Bales, Hammond, Ind., Spec. 4 Clifford Lee, Altoona, Pa., Spec. 4 Ronald Talamantes and Spec. 4 Ivan Maricvic, both of Los Angeles, and Spec. 4 Ronald Clark, Healdton, Calif.

After a recommendation is made by an individual or unit

commander, the form is forwarded to the Awards and Decoration section.

The board acts upon the recommendation by approving, disapproving, upgrading or downgrading the award.

When a recommendation is approved, the men of the section cut orders, type citations and certificates, forward the award to the unit for presentation and maintain records of each award presented by the brigade.

Noble supervises these functions as well as handling letters of inquiry and other correspondence for the section.

Bales proof-reads all orders, recommendations and correspondence. He also mails out awards to troopers who complete their Vietnam tour before presentation can be made.

"About 10 per cent of the awards we handle must be mailed to the man's next assignment," said Bales. "A commander must complete the recommendation 60 days prior to the man's departure to insure presentation of the award in

PHAN RANG—While supervising the placement of mortars at a battalion command post of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division southwest of here, a paratrooper noticed the tail fin of a bomb. Quick action eliminated any possible danger.

Staff Sgt. James A. Warren, Hardeeville, S.C., reported his find to the commander of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., Lt. Col. Robert G. Yerks, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N.Y. A radio call then went to the Explosive

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77 Weapons Captured

Klamath Falls Nets 156

PHAN RANG—Enemy losses for Operation Klamath Falls reached 156 on Jan. 9 as the Screaming Eagles of the 1st Brigade conducted search and destroy sweeps southwest of here.

Enemy weapons captured in the action totaled 77, including a variety of AK-47s, Mausers and carbines, some of which were in excellent condition. Eleven of the captured weapons were found in a cache by paratroopers of A Co., 3rd Bn. (Abn), 506th Inf., commanded by Capt. Thomas F. Gaffney, Swainsboro, Ga.

As the combat elements search for the enemy, brigade civil affairs teams visited hamlets and villages with programs of assistance and self-help designed to improve health and living conditions. More than two tons of food was distributed during the visits. In one hamlet where many persons were ill, civil affairs teams found the cause when they examined the hamlet water source and aided them in developing a new reservoir.

The brigade halted operations in keeping with the Christmas and New Year's cease-fire and observed the holidays from de-

Reveals Undies

PHAN RANG (1/327-IO) — They're still laughing in the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's B Co. of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf.

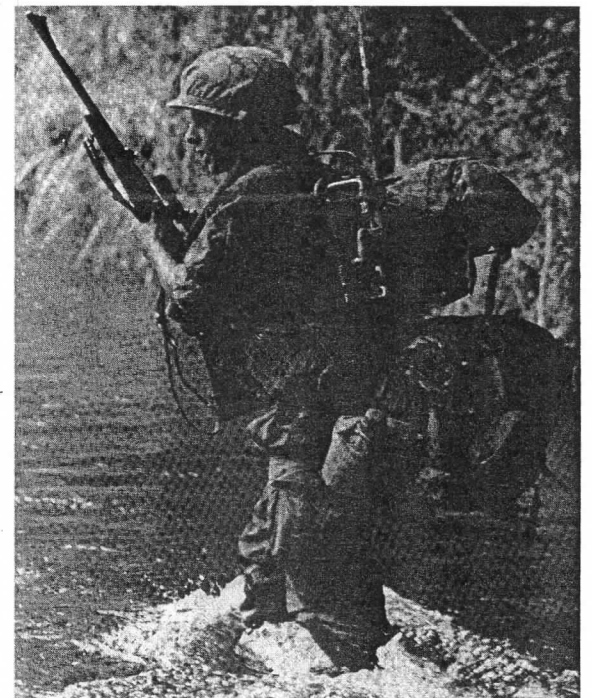
The paratroopers can't forget the day they searched a Viet Cong bunker complex southwest of here during Operation Klamath Falls. Spec. 4 Carl Lopez, came wandering out of a bunker, talking to himself. "They just won't believe it," he said.

The paratrooper from Wickenburg, Ariz., had discovered a dozen ladies panties and bras.

fensive positions. One of the highlights of the holidays was the visit of 40 students from the Bao Loc Agriculture College and their presentation of traditional Christmas carols in Vietnamese and English during a Christmas eve pageant. On Christmas, 52 children from a Bao Loc orphanage spent the day with Screaming Eagles who hosted them to dinner and presented the youngsters with gifts.

Members of support battalion here feted 40 children from the Phang Rang community at a Christmas party and presented them with gift packages and toys.

Operation Klamath Falls is the 24th major operation by the brigade since arriving in Vietnam July 29, 1965.



RTO Sniper

Spec. 4 Harry M. Mallett, San Fernando, Calif., a paratrooper with the 1st Plat. of A Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., wasn't content with his role as a radio-telephone operator. The Screaming Eagle also volunteered to carry a sniper rifle since he is an expert shot.

(Photo by Spec. 4 Ben Croxton)

Sergeant Uncovers Fin, Finds Bomb

and Ordnance Detachment (EOD).

Answer Call

Master Sgt. Doyle W. Nichols, Miami, Okla., and Spec. 6 Stephen Shirley, Security, Colo., responded to the call.

The two members of the 191st Ordnance Bn. worked like surgeons.

"We looked it over carefully and then compared notes," said Nichols. "Sometimes we don't find a complete explosive device, but this time it was all

there."

Shirley used a bayonet and then his hands to scoop dirt from around the fin and body of the bomb.

"It was a cool day," said Shirley. "But I was sweating anyway."

Shirley worked quickly and efficiently. After what appeared to be hours to paratroopers waiting a safe distance away, Shirley announced it was a 750-pounder.

The demolition team decided

to explode the bomb in place. Paratroopers moved further away as Shirley wired the explosive.

Warning Given

"Fire in the Hole" (the standard warning prior to detonation) echoed over the hilltop. An ear-splitting explosion followed seconds later. Then silence.

Shirley and Nichols surveyed the crater. It measured 60 feet in diameter and 45 feet deep. "Just another day's work," said Shirley.

Enemy 'Seize' Hilltop

PHAN RANG—An estimated company of NVA thought they had an element of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne isolated on a hill north of here only to find the paratroopers gone.

Sgt. Bruce Falconer, Roseville, Calif., a member of the Recondos, 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., laughed as he recalled the incident.

"We had our platoon split in three reconnaissance elements located on separate hills," said Falconer. "Just before dusk, one of our observation posts spotted a large enemy force approaching. We decided to reassemble the platoon in case we got involved in a fight."

Under cover of darkness, the Recondos moved to another hilltop and watched the enemy approach their former position.

"Suddenly the enemy attacked," Falconer said. "They fired up the hill with tracers and yelled like crazy."

Falconer radioed for helicopter gunships while the rest of the platoon sat back and watched the attack.

"The 'Charlies' soon discovered there was no one on the hill and stopped firing," said Falconer. "It was too late. Gunships arrived and fired on them."

'Buckeyes' Meet at CP

PHAN RANG—Steel pot graffiti, the practice of scrawling nicknames, slogans, dates or hometowns on helmet covers, brought together four Ohio paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division during Operation Klamath Falls southwest of here.

Each of the men serve in the 1st Plat. of B Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf. Two hail from Columbus and hadn't seen each other since high school.

Spec. 4 Howard Logsdon and Pfc. Tom Murdock renewed their old friendship when Murdock jumped off a helicopter with other replacements. Logsdon spotted the 'Ohio' written on Murdock's helmet.

"This is a long way from gym class," chided Logsdon.

"I'm sure I'll get enough exercise here," retorted Murdock.

As the two paratroopers exchanged news of home and Army life, they were joined by two other replacements from Ohio — Pfc. Robert Williams, Cleveland, and Pfc. Joe Laporte, Massillon.

"This place looks like the state fair," quipped Williams.

"Ohio is alive and well in the 1st Plat.," concluded Laporte.



Donated Magazines
Air Force Maj. Harvey B. Blanton Jr., (left), former forward air control (FAC) pilot with the brigade, presents magazines to Sgt. Maj. Paul Huff at the forward base camp. Blanton received books and magazines from Allied Research Associates (ARA), a firm in Concord, Mass., during his tour in Vietnam. Prior to Blanton's recent return to the United States, Claude French, project officer at ARA, and David J. Kline, ARA comptroller, contacted Eastern Airlines and asked if their used magazines could be sent to the Screaming Eagles. Eastern not only agreed to supply the magazines but also to ship them. (Photo by Spec. 4 Dan Stroebel)

Search Catches 3 Enemy

PHAN RANG (1/327-IO)—Two platoons of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne discovered a platoon-sized Viet Cong base camp, searched the area and accounted for three enemy killed recently during Operation Klamath Falls.

The 2nd and 3rd Plats. of B Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., moved into the base camp hidden in a bamboo forest. Fattened pigs roamed nearby and all the huts and bunkers showed signs of recent use.

Quickly a perimeter was secured. Shortly thereafter a shot ripped the silence. Pfc. Keith Armstrong, Bovey, Minn., had spotted and killed an enemy approaching the camp.

Patrols were sent to search the area surrounding the camp. A squad led by Spec. 4 Richard Gerhard, Hamden, Conn., spotted two VC coming down a trail toward the base camp. One enemy was killed. The other fled back up the trail. Night was approaching and paratroopers put off a search until morning.

Sgt. William Stovall, Jackson, Mich., and a few troopers searched for the enemy. Spreading out, the paratroopers moved cautiously. Suddenly they were taken under fire. Capt. Edgar Burch, company commander from Boulder, Colo., heard the radio report, formed a reaction element and moved to the unit. When the reinforcements arrived, the enemy broke contact.

However, one Viet Cong didn't move fast enough. Pfc. Willard Harris, New York, sighted the VC behind a tree. As the enemy turned to flee, Harris halted the effort with a burst from his M-16 rifle.

Two carbines were captured in the contact.

Screaming Eagle Briefings

'Best' Man

A quick-firing point man of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne bested a Viet Cong when the enemy's weapon jammed during Operation Klamath Falls.

Spec. 4 Floyd G. Pearson, Cambridge, Ohio, was tracking the enemy during a patrol of the Hawk Reconnaissance Platoon of the 2nd Bn. (Abn) 327th Inf.

"I spotted four VC filling canteens at a stream," said Pearson. "But I didn't see a fifth one."

Pfc. Rodger Steelman, Tehachapi, Calif., second man in the Screaming Eagle patrol, yelled a warning. Pearson heard the enemy's Mauser rifle misfire, wheeled and fired at the enemy, killing him.

Stelman fired at the four enemy at the stream, but they scattered into the jungle leaving an AK-47 rifle behind.

"I was lucky his weapon misfired," said Pearson. "Mine worked perfectly."

Ambush Sensed

Two Viet Cong were killed by alert paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division who sensed an ambush.

During Operation Klamath Falls, the 3rd Plat. of C Co., 3rd Bn. (Abn), 506th Inf., approached a likely site for an enemy ambush.

"We moved on line through the brush rather than move up the trail," said Spec. 4 Durane Nelson, Sacramento, Calif. "The enemy retreated under cover fire."

"We had good position," said Staff Sgt. Henry Johnson, "We definitely ruined the ambush."

The paratroopers fired into the enemy positions, advancing quickly.

"We thought they had fled," said Pfc. Jim Buckley, Peabody, Mass. "But one VC almost got Nelson."

Nelson heard an enemy round zip by his ear. He turned quickly to see Sgt. Mike Daly, Philadelphia, finish the enemy who was standing not more than 15 yards from Nelson.

"Thank God he wasn't a good shot," said Nelson.

Two VC were killed in the action and two weapons with ammunition pouches were captured.

Deadly Racket

Two of five NVA soldiers were killed by paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne when the enemy quintet walked into a listening post manned by alert Screaming Eagles during Operation Klamath Falls.

Spec. 4 John Roberts, San Diego, Calif., and Pfc. Rodger W. Bridges, Staten Island, N.Y., were manning their Hawk Reconnaissance Platoon position in the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf.

"I thought I heard something," said Roberts. "It sounded like Vietnamese voices."

The two paratroopers moved in a low crouch to nearby trees and opened fire when they saw the armed enemy silhouetted against the sky.

Later, as the platoon advanced through the area, two enemy were found.

Fatal Sweets

Two sweet-toothed North Vietnamese soldiers were tempted into an ambush during the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's Operation Klamath Falls. Results of the action were two NVA killed and an AK-47 rifle with ammunition captured.

"Charlie has a habit of checking LZ's after a resupply," said

Staff Sgt. James Dean, Newbern, N.C. "We always clear the area, but this time we tried candy as bait."

Pfc. Pete Malae, Honolulu, had his machine gun zeroed on the LZ. A few hours later, two NVA moved cautiously into the clearing.

As they collected the candy, Malae opened up. His burst of fire killed one enemy. The other fled, only to run into another ambush position.



Water Hole

Spec. 4 Jack L. Treese, Jacksonville, Fla., fills his new plastic "bladder" canteen during Operation Klamath Falls southwest of here. Pfc. Byron D. Rollman, Minto, N.D., provides security. Both are members of C Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf.

(Photo by Spec. 5 Richard McLaughlin)



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Stay Alert—Stay Alive

A paratrooper of A Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., Spec. 4 James L. Grainger, Roseville, Calif., stays alert for enemy as he crosses a stream during a search and destroy sweep in Operation Klamath Falls. (Photo by Spec. 4 Ben Croxton)

Trooper's Mother Begins Soap Drive

ORELAND, Pa. (1/327-IO)—The mother of a 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne paratrooper began a soap drive here when her son wrote of the need of Vietnamese villagers.

Mrs. A. J. Curcio, mother of Capt. Anthony Curcio, Willingboro, N.J., a member of the 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., placed a large crate on her front lawn as a receptacle for donated soap. She made appeals to friends, clubs and placed an advertisement in the local newspaper.

Soap trickled in until her cause was championed by the Philadelphia Bulletin newspaper. The trickle turned into a downpour.

Next she arranged to have the soap transported. She contacted soap manufacturers and the armed services. The Navy offered to ship the soap to Da-Nang, but she wanted the soap to go directly to the Screaming Eagles for distribution to Viet-

namese. Friends contributed money, but more and more soap was donated. Finally the Salvation Army offered to ship all the soap directly to her son's battalion.

Thousands of bars of soap have been arriving at the unit's forward base camp for distribution to villagers.

Capt. Curcio and Capt. Thomas Thompson, Anderson, S.C., battalion chaplain, couldn't be happier. Soap now will reach local villagers.

London Receives Artillery Colors

PHAN RANG — A change of command ceremony at Headquarters, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 320th Artillery recently saw Lt. Col. Andrew S. Bolcar, Knoxville, Tenn. pass his command to Lt. Col. James E. London, Punxsutawney, Pa.

London comes to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division from assignment in Okinawa with the United States Civil Administration as a political analyst. A veteran of 15 years on jump status, London has served with both the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions.

Bolcar took the battalion reins on Jan. 1, 1967. He has been assigned as an instructor at Air-Ground Operations School, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Army Aviation Supports Paratrooper Infantrymen

PHAN RANG—The mission of the infantry is to locate, close with, and capture or destroy the enemy. Due to the rugged terrain and jungles in Vietnam, moving the infantryman to the enemy and keeping him resupplied becomes a problem. This is Army Aviation's responsibility.

"It's our job to provide close and continuous air support," says Maj. Bernie Addington, Kaleen, Tex., aviation officer for the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. "We're on call 24 hours a day."

Working behind a row of four telephones and a radio, Addington, Staff Sgt. Jimmie James, Marion, Ohio, and Spec. 4 Daniel E. Duffy, Detroit, coordinate helicopter movements to meet the pressing needs of the brigade.

"The 101st is well acquainted with air mobility against counter-insurgency movements," said Addington.

Working in direct combat support of the brigade are the 117th and the 240th Assault Helicopter Companies. The 243rd Assault Support Helicopter Co., uses Chinook helicopters to transport food, ammunition and supplies to the troops on resupply days.

Whenever intelligence sources report large enemy concentrations or movements, the infantry battalions are alerted for a helicopter assault mission. The planning begins with Addington and his crew.

"We determine the size of the assault and which battalion will participate according to its location," said Addington. "The rest is left to the ground and air-mission commanders."

Once the assaulting unit is designated, the aircraft commanders conduct an aerial reconnaissance of the proposed area. The ground commander selects the landing zone upon the advice of the helicopter pilots.

After the time and location of the assault are determined, all ground and air commanders concerned begin "back planning" from the assault time. A

"Movement Table" is completed, (i.e. number of aircraft, units to be moved, and the number of sorties to be flown).

While the infantry troops are engaged in combat, gunships and flareships, depending on the time of day, can be requested. Addington is contacted and pertinent information is relayed by him to gunship pilots, who are on 10-minute call.

James and Duffy have been called upon many times to make important decisions by themselves.

During Operation Wheeler I had to make many important decisions," said James. "For example A Co. of the 2nd Bn. 502nd Inf., came into heavy con-

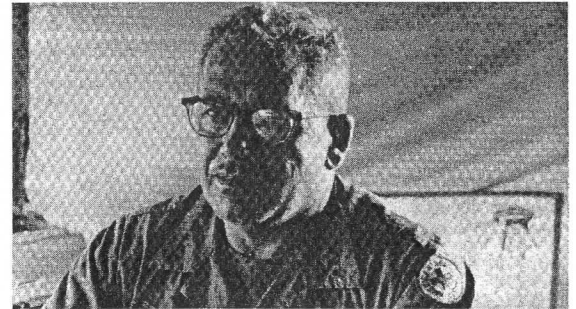
tact and urgently requested six gunships. I re-directed gunships already enroute to another unit. I had to decide which mission was the most crucial."

Having helicopters nearby cuts down on travel time.

"When a unit has the helicopters directly at its disposal much time is saved," said Addington. "Often this prompt and efficient response means the difference between life and death."

But the men who fly the machines are the heroes.

"The credit belongs to the pilots and gun crews," said Addington. "They fly many days and nights aiding troopers on the ground. That, after all, is the mission."



Joe Alito

Joe, George Help As Troubles Arise

PHAN RANG — Joseph F. Alito, Sacramento, Calif., and George Rizer, Plattsburg, N.Y., are attached to the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division for emergencies. When problems arise, they help troopers meet them.

Alito and Rizer are Army Red Cross representatives who provide many services to the para-

trooper. Two of approximately 300 ARC workers in Vietnam, Alito and Rizer check on the health and welfare of a trooper's family back home. They also can arrange to send a man home because a death or serious illness has struck his family.

They also coordinate with the finance office when allotments aren't received by wives and they can transmit emergency funds from a trooper home or from a parent to the trooper. All this is done by message to Red Cross chapters in cities and counties all over America.

"We handle about 200 messages a month," said Alito. "Most are problems needing immediate attention — compassionate leave for a man whose marriage may be breaking up, an emergency leave for a trooper whose father died or a loan, based on need, to a man overwhelmed by a financial problem."

During one 15-day period in December, Alito and Rizer processed 240 cases.

"We had 150 new requests to check on families in the States," said Alito. "Then we arranged 35 emergency leaves, answered 58 personal inquiries and requested eight loans. The period before Christmas always is busy."

During the Christmas holiday, 5,500 green or red "ditty" bags, filled with pens, envelopes, writing tablets, canned peanuts, combs, puzzles, playing cards and pocket books were sent from Red Cross chapters and distributed to troopers by Alito and Rizer.



Chow from Home

Spec. 4 James L. Grainger, Roseville, Calif., A Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 327th Inf., cooks a meal sent from the United States. Grainger received a package from his folks containing a macaroni and cheese dinner, a canned ham and canned fruit. (Photo by Spec. 4 Ben Croxton)



Quick Climb . . .

Staff Sgt. Larry A. Fletcher, South Point, Ohio, climbs onto a 240th Assault Helicopter Co. chopper as the aircraft hovers over a clearing hacked out by paratroopers of C Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf. Pfc. Larry T. Prescott, Baxley, Ga., moves toward the chopper with a bundle of outgoing letters. (Photo by Spec. 4 Richard McLaughlin)

In 4-Hour Battle

LRRP'S Resist Night Attack

PHAN RANG—The trooper lay half asleep. The sudden thud of an object dropping to the ground startled him.

"I've always been a light sleeper anyway," said Spec. 4 William W. Mroch, LaCrosse, Wis. "But we were expecting contact that night."

Mroch is a member of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division's Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon. His LRRP team had finished a day of recon missions and settled on a hill for the night.

"One of the other units had made contact during the day," said team leader Staff Sgt. Ronald H. Weems, Chicago. "The enemy was supposed to be headed in our direction."

Sight Enemy

Mroch crept towards the sound which had awakened him. Advancing on-line up the hill towards his position were a dozen enemy. He wasted no time in reporting the sighting to Weems.

A veteran of more than two years in Vietnam and 10 months in the LRRP's, Weems alerted the other members of his team and outlined a plan of action.

Behind the concealment of a sparse woodland, the paratroopers waited until the enemy had closed within 25 meters of their positions. On a signal from Weems the paratroopers blew Claymore mines and threw grenades on the advancing enemy. Four of the enemy fell. The time was 3:00 a.m.

Second Probe

The remainder of the enemy force dispersed into brush surrounding the hill. Moments later the remaining insurgents attempted a probe of the LRRP perimeter. One of the enemy opened fire after he had crawled within 30 feet of Spec. 4 Clayton W. Wentworth, Potstown, Pa., and Pfc. Edward Cecena, Calexico, Calif.

"We could hear the bullets passing close to us," said Wentworth. "I blew my Claymore, threw a grenade and didn't hear anything more from the VC except an occasional moan."

Sgt. Edward D. Wenglarz, Whiting, Ind., had been sitting near his rucksack, rifle in hand, when the fighting started.

Perfect Perimeter

"Sgt. Weems set the perimeter perfectly," he said. "We were ready for them."

"A Chinese-Communist grenade landed only feet from the NCO. Shrapnel and rocks struck his head."

Spec. 4 Ernest S. Jones, Issaquah, Wash., the team medic, heard Wenglarz yell for help. Vaulting from his own position, Jones ran to Wenglarz and treated his wound.

"The bullets were cracking past my head as I ran to his position," said Jones.

Last 3 Hours

For three more hours the

enemy continued their assaults and probing actions against the small paratrooper force. Each of the men engaged the enemy with small arms as the insurgents encircled the hill.

As dawn flooded the sky, the paratroopers repulsed the final attack. The enemy fell back into the jungle. Numerous probes of the perimeter had been made during the four hour battle. Artillery and gunship fire, adjusted by Weems, had kept the enemy at bay.

"As dawn broke a fire started by the enemy enveloped the hill," Weems said. "We left quickly."

Hostile Elephants Charge Troopers

PHAN RANG — A family of irate elephants forced a platoon of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne paratroopers up trees recently during Operation Klamath Falls.

The men of the 2nd platoon, A Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., were in a perimeter defense on a thickly-wooded mountainside when they encountered the uninvited pachyderms.

"The pitch-black night was

enough to unravel our nerves," said Spec. 4 Lee R. Jones, Detroit. "But when those four-footed bulldozers came crashing through the jungle, we really became jumpy."

Jones radioed the information to Lt. Leonard Anderson, Bauxite, Arkansas.

"Yes, we know," Anderson told Jones, "Everybody's awake and listening."

The elephants continued lumbering down the mountain — directly towards the paratrooper's encampment.

"They seemed only a few yards away when they stopped," said Jones. "I guess they smelled our scent because a screeching trumpet pierced the stillness."

It was all the paratroopers could take. Within seconds the entire platoon took to the trees.

"It wasn't a moment too soon," Jones said. "The elephants charged through our perimeter, making a shambles of our make-shift beds."

Soon, the elephants moved from the perimeter. The "all-clear" signal was given.

The paratroopers cautiously slid down from their lofty perches. But the roar of a tiger made them consider scrambling back up.

VC Squad Hit Twice

PHAN RANG — A squad of Viet Cong was bewildered recently during Operation Klamath Falls southwest of here when they fled one 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne ambush only to run right into another.

The 1st and 2nd Plats. of A Co., 3rd Bn. (Abn), 506th Inf., set two night ambushes, hoping to catch small groups of enemy fleeing along escape routes.

Sgt. Richard H. McDaniel, Indianapolis, and his men from the 1st Plat. were having a quiet night until a VC squad walked into a 2nd Plat. ambush on a nearby ridgetop.

"They fled from the ambush and ran right into ours," said McDaniel. "We were ready."

Spec. 4 Tommie L. Davis, Austin, Tex., and Spec. 4 Alfred Johnson, Newman, Tex., opened up with their M-16 rifle and M-60 machine gun as the enemy came running by. Other VC dropped their equipment and fled in another direction.

"One just threw down a rocket launcher and took off," said McDaniel.

Two VC were killed by McDaniel's troopers. Both were dressed in blue khaki uniforms. A rocket launcher with two rockets, an AK-47 rifle, several flares, six rucksacks and several grenades were captured.

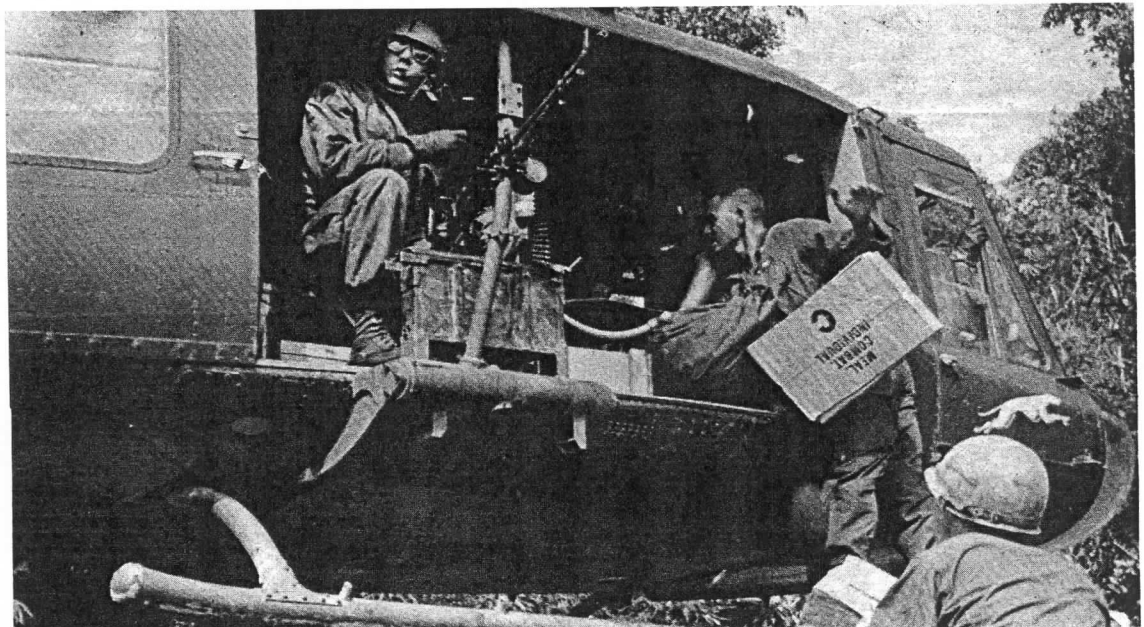
New Certificate

A newly-designed discharge certificate is being presented to U.S. Army Personnel.

The words "Army of the United States" have been changed to "United States Army" and the Eagle is printed in full color.

The new certificate is smaller than the former one.

A green vinyl folder with the War Office seal on the front cover is available for encasing the discharge certificate prior to issuing or mailing.



. . . Aids in Resupply

Fletcher tosses out a case of C-rations while Prescott waits to pass on the homeward bound mail. The resupply mission took place southeast of Bao Loc during Operation Klamath Falls. (Photo by Spec. 5 Richard McLaughlin)

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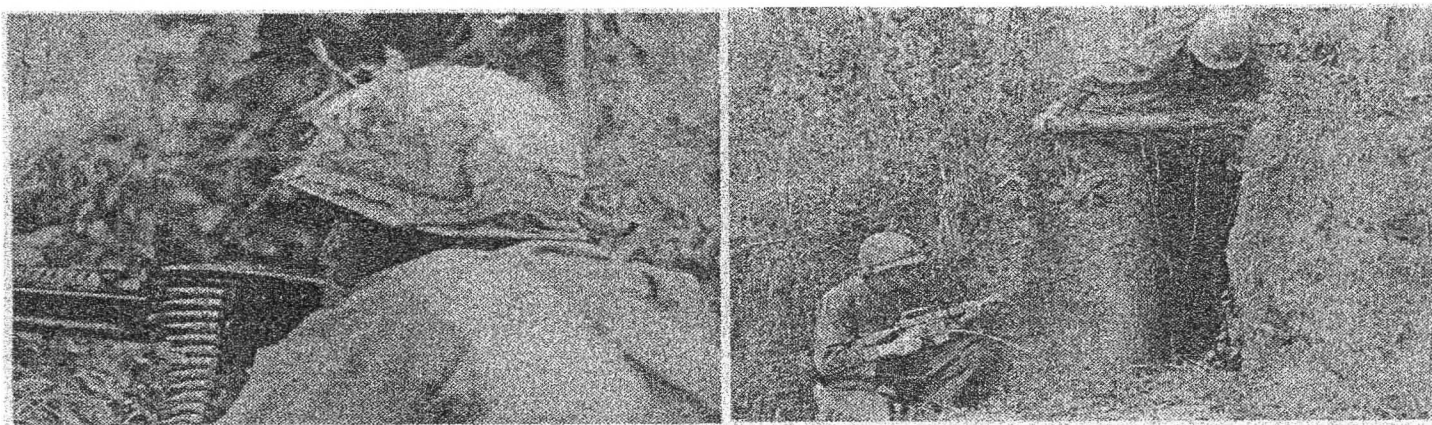
CHU LAI, Vietnam (101-10)—Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne completed a series of three operations recently, accounting for 420 enemy kills and 186 weapons captured.

The Screaming Eagles completed Operation Malheur II with 470 enemy kills and rushed into Operations Hood River, Benton and Cook in rapid succession.

Operation Hood River, a search and destroy sweep northwest of Duc Pho, began on August 2 and ended on August 12. During that period, paratroopers killed 63 enemy and captured 42 weapons, 23 tons of rice and three tons of salt. One NVA and four Viet Cong were taken prisoner during the operation.

Operation Benton began August 13 as the Screaming Eagles moved from Duc Pho to Chu Lai by Air Force C-130 aircraft. During the 16-day search and destroy sweep, 303 enemy, many of them NVA, were killed. The paratroopers also captured 131 weapons, 31 tons of rice and four tons of tea. The major contact of Benton was an encounter between B Co of the 2nd Bn (Abn), 502nd Inf, and an estimated NVA battalion. After a battle of nine hours, 35 enemy were found dead.

A special Holiday Greeting to our 3600 members and all of the 1st Bde in VN from your Secretary and Editor, Walt Miller, who urges all to continue your membership so that you can continue the comradeship in the years ahead that you now know, to send in your address change promptly so as to receive The Screaming Eagle, and to participate in your Association by letters, suggestions, the Pratt Memorial Fund, and its other activities. It is your Association, and in the years ahead it will be what you make of it. So enroll a buddy today, renew promptly, and help Keep That Eagle Screaming. Happy New Year!



During Operation Benton, a Screaming Eagle gunner waits at his M-60 machine gun and PFC Richard Gosnell prepares to grenade a VC tunnel as PFC Clarence Ward provides security.

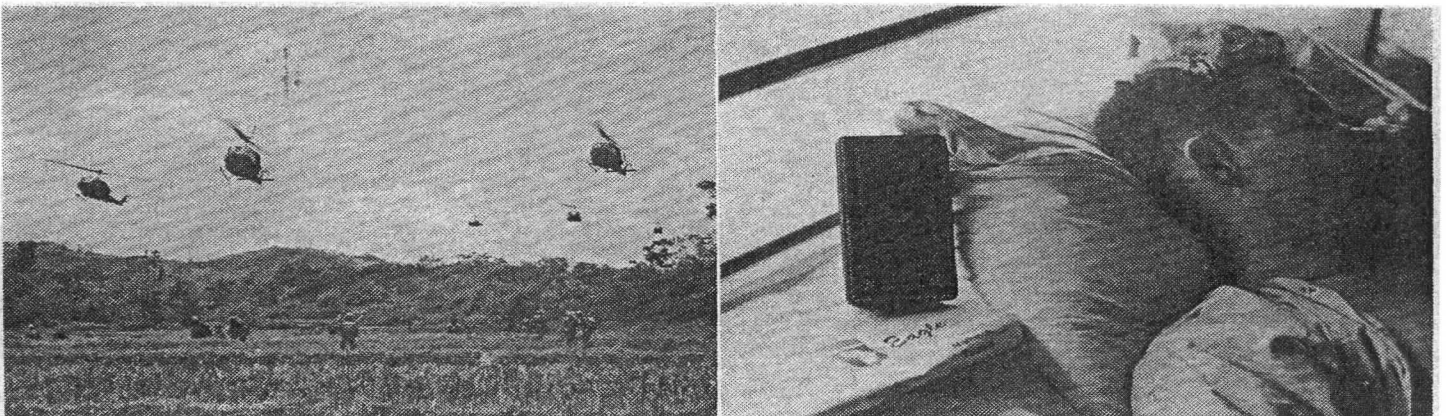
Operations in I Corps

Capt. Ronald G. Odom, company commander from San Francisco, received the Silver Star for the action.

Moving back to Duc Pho, the Screaming Eagles initiated Cook on September 1, a holding operation to discourage the enemy from launching an attack in Quang Nbhia province during the Vietnamese elections. Defensive patrolling during the eight-day operation resulted in 54 enemy killed and 13 weapons captured. Thirty-one tons of rice also were uncovered by the paratroopers.

On September 10, the paratroopers were airlifted to staging areas near Chu Lai.

The Screaming Eagles of 1st Brigade launched Operation Wheeler west of here Sept. 11, killing 377 Viet Cong and NVA during the first 25 days of fighting. The operation—the sixth paratrooper offensive in the northern I Corps tactical zone—saw the brigade spearhead into strongholds controlled by the Communists since 1954. As October began, the brigade had identified the location of the 2nd NVA division, its major battalions and reinforcing units. Prior to attacking the highly touted enemy division, the Screaming Eagles destroyed a battalion-size base camp which contained bunkers constructed of brick and tile and a 100-meter tunnel escape route. In one of the bunkers, the paratroopers found 200 pounds of marijuana, worth an estimated \$100,000.00. The complex and the marijuana were destroyed by A Co, 2nd Bn (Abn), 327th Inf. Members of B Co, 2nd Bn (Abn), 327th Inf, uncovered two Communist Chinese-manufactured 75-mm recoilless rifles complete with bipod and sight, plus ammunition for the deadly weapons. The recoilless weapons were good copies of the 75-mm rifles carried by Americans during the Korean conflict. Other weapons captured by the brigade included AK-47 automatic rifles, SKS rifles, Russian machine guns identified as RPD models, and scores of small arms and 12.7mm rounds.



The 176th Aviation Co extracts 101 paratroopers from a recent operation. Brig. Gen. S. H. Matheson visited the 2nd Surgical Hospital to present Purple Hearts and left this one at the bedside of a sleeping Screaming Eagle.

While Operation Wheeler was being waged another significant event was occurring for members of 1st Platoon, Co C, 2/327th Abn Inf. They were being filmed for a documentary to be telecast on NBC-TV on Friday, Dec. 1, at 10 p.m. EST. NBC-TV news correspondent Frank McGee and a film crew spent three weeks with the brigade recording the action for a one-hour presentation to a nationwide audience. Sgt. Lewis D. Larry is shown talking with Frank McGee during a lull in Operation Wheeler. The news team received Honorary Screaming Eagle Certificates from Brig. Gen. S. H. Matheson, Bde Cnds, prior to their departure for New York.



As we went to press the 1st Bde had a contact going that could be the most significant of the war and the Nomads of Vietnam had been alerted for another move to continue their Vietnam Odyssey.

Appreciation is expressed to Maj. Bill Spangler, Information Officer, 1st Bde, and his staff for this story and to S/Sgt. Art Campbell, Sgt. Mike Mangiameli, SP4 James Loar, and SP4 Dayle Edwards for the pictures that appear here courtesy the U. S. Army.

And SGT. BERNARD GORDON (the old Scuffer) sent us our first Christmas card from Vietnam. Yes, that is right, Bernie is back with HHB, 2/320th Arty, 1st Bde, 101 Abn Div, APO SF 96347, for the third time. He is bombarding us with mail; ordered 12 Vietnam Odyssey's for friends, sent in some memberships, and this photo of SGM Raymond Steinkuehler (2/320th), reupping in Vietnam with Lt. Col. Andrew Bolcar doing the honors. This was at Chu Lai on 17 Sept. And Ez, what is Silver Fox?



SCREAMING EAGLE VIGNETTES

Brig. Gen. S. H. Matheson was awarded the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross in Vietnam by Maj. Gen. Richard T. Knowles, Task Force Oregon Commander; Lt. Col. Andrew Bolcar, CO, 2/320th Arty, fired the 250,000th round from the battalion near Duc Pho; Sgt. Burwood Yost, who recently received the Distinguished Service Cross, was named a

2nd Lt in the presence of his younger brother, PFC Bryan Yost, both serving in VN with the 1st Bde; and SSG James Howard, SSG Pablo Gonzales; and SP4 Roger Drought, Trp A, 2/17 Cav, extended for the third time. All arrived in July 1965 aboard the USNS General Leroy Eltge.

And for our Tunnel Rats in Vietnam — this cartoon. Your feats are not unnoticed. Courtesy Humor in Army Green, The Army Digest, Oct. '67.



Ferndale, I think you're carrying this tunnel-rat business a little too far!

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MRS. BRUCE W. HEERDT, High Ridge Rd., Pound Ridge, N. Y. 10576, would like to hear from friends of Randy, lost in Vietnam in April, 1967, while serving with HHC, 2/502, and Co A, 326 Engrs. The family has many photos of Randy's friends and would like to get to know them. They are very proud of Randy's service and the 101. And MRS. MARY ANN COTTIN, 691 S. Irolo, Apt. 705, Los Angeles, Calif. 90005, would like to get in contact with Sgts. Marshall Smith, Jack L. Pate and SP4's Frank Pollock, Phillip Nichols, and Larry Purdue, who knew her son, Leland (Doc), lost in June 1966 while serving with HHC, 2/327 Inf. She has received many conflicting reports as to his death. If you can help these families with address or letters, you will find it an inspiring and rewarding experience.

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VIETNAM MEMBERS, ATTENTION! Recently, for you, at the request of Gen. Matheson, Sgt. Maj. Paul Huff, and your NCO Open Mess, this Association mailed over 400 copies of Vietnam Odyssey to next of kin of your comrades lost in action. Numerous letters were received expressing grateful appreciation for your remembrance of them and their lost one. You can be proud, very proud of this gesture on your part, and it further contributes to the glory of the 1st Bde both in combat and on the home front. Among those heard from were Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. McCorkle, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Griego, Mr. and Mrs. Lane White, Mr. Harold Shelley, Mrs. Woodrow Ham, Mr. Ewald Kockritz, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Heerdt, and Mrs. Roy Chitwood. They are deeply appreciative of any contact with those who served with their loved one. The Secretary will furnish an address, upon request, if you care to write, or contact them upon your return to the States.

The Faces of War—1967



PFC Robert Rieller waits with a Claymore along a jungle trail.



PSGT Edward Birmingham, C, 2/327 Inf, pauses to clean up.



SP4 Richard J. Walsh, C, 2/327 Inf, waits at a bunker entrance in Operation Hood River.



Sgt. Joe Craven, squad leader, shows the strain of combat during a brief rest.



And **PFC Carmen Cangli** writes home during a lull in the fighting.



PFC William Coldwell, C/2/327 Abn Inf, emerges from one of 25 tunnels searched in an afternoon.

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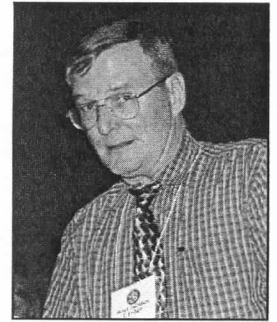


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MAJ(R) Walter W. Jackson, 1/327 C 7/67-6/68, sent the November – December 1967 issue of THE SCREAMING EAGLE magazine then published six times a year by the 101st Airborne Division Association. Referring to page 11 (page 30) he sent the following message. “I spoke with Carmen Gangi and he thinks that William Coldwell was also in C Co 1/327 during the summer and fall of 1967 in Weapons Platoon. He was not sure though. I don't know if Sgt Craven or SP-4 Walsh were in C Co in September of 1967 when Operation Hood River took place. I do know that Robert Rieffer, Sgt Birmingham, and PFC Gangi were in C Co 1/327 and part of the caption is incorrect when it said they were in the No Slack Battalion 2/327th. LT Kinane may be able to answer that question.”



Editor's Note: The subscription database contains the following: Carmen Gangi (misspelled in caption as Cang), 1/327 C 67-68; Thomas Kinane, 1/327 C 4/67-12/68; Robert C. Rieffer (misspelled in caption as Rieller), 1/327 C 4/67-9/67; Richard J. "Rich" Walsh, 2/327 C 6/67-6/68. Other records show PSG Edward A. Birmingham Killed in Action 10/02/67.

KEITH BUFFALOHEAD who served with A/326 Engrs in VN is now taking a heavy equipment operators course and would like to hear from his Vietnam buddies as he lost his address book. His address is Rt 4, Ponca City, Okla. 74601.

LT. R. E. BRIDGES (C/320 Arty VN) wrote from 937 Sycamore St, Rocky Mount, N. C. of his appreciation for The Screaming Eagle while in Vietnam, to change his address, order Vietnam Odyssey, and to say, “I am returning to school to look up some protesters.”

SP4 STEPHEN K. BURKS gave us his new address of Co B, 2/327 VN saying, “after serving for the past two months with the 101, I am positive it is the best fighting unit in Vietnam.”

DONNA BATES whose brother Sgt Dom Bates served with the Bde in VN sent us the following poem she wrote for him saying “we are all very proud of him and of any boy who says, ‘Airborne-All The way!’ God Bless you all. You are doing a fine job.” (211 Colonie St, Albany, N. Y.)

Prayer for My Buddy

Hey! my buddy's in the foxhole and he's wounded very bad.
He's just lying in the foxhole and looking very sad.
I know he's in much pain, for I see it in his eyes,
Please go and help my buddy and don't let him die.

My buddy's in the foxhole just looking at the light,
For just a few minutes ago he was wounded in the fight;
He didn't come to this unfriendly place because he wanted to,
He came with many other boys and they came for me and you.

My buddy's in the foxhole and there's death in his eyes;
I'm talking to my buddy—we're saying our last good-byes.
My buddy has just gone, but here still am I;
Lord, why did my buddy have to die?
As I sit here with the smell of death in the air
I recall my buddy's last words—they were: please say a prayer.

Sgt. Dom Bates

SGM RICHARD J. DUNN (Spt Bn, VN) is now with HHT, 2/17 Cav., Ft. Campbell, Ky.

MRS. CLAIRE GODDARD, mother of Rock Ford, lost in VN, wrote us a nice letter about our two histories, *Rendezvous with Destiny* and *Vietnam Odyssey*, saying, "it portrayed the places our boy had been and written home about. We will always treasure our copy." Mrs. Goddard ordered two copies for the men who visited her to show appreciation to them. We salute these parents who carry on for their loved ones with pride in the 101. It is an honor to write and serve them.

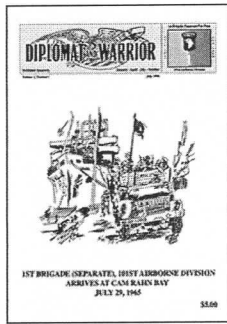
SSGT FRANKLIN HOLBROOK, (1/327) renewed from Det, 7 ATC, APO NY 09173 asking that his copy be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Baussian, who wrote him in VN and was sister of Sgt Lester McDonald, KIA. "They are very proud of the 101st and pray for it each day and all the soldiers in Vietnam who fight proudly for their Country. Soldiers are soldiers and we are all proud of one another but those who see the 101 Screaming Eagles know it will always be kept Screaming." Sgt. Holbrook won a Silver Star with Tiger Force in VN and a Bronze Star for valor and has volunteered for another tour there. Here is the spirit of the 101.

SGT MAJ PAUL HUFF of the 1st Bde, VN, has been in touch with us on many matters including *Vietnam Odyssey*, memberships, etc. He regrets missing the Reunion and sent his "hellos." "Walt, if anyone tells you that the youth of today is getting soft, punch him in the nose and send him here to the 1st Bde. This is the best bunch of troopers I have had the pleasure of serving with. When they go into a fight, they go to win. I guess I have been blowing my horn but when you are in an outfit like this Brigade, you don't really have to as they have and are proving themselves. Paul asked us to send a copy of *Vietnam Odyssey* to Mr. Jim Worobey who headed a Southern Illinois Univ. drive for the Bde - a token of appreciation.

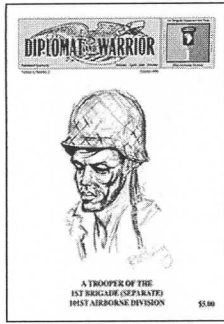
SGT DONALD G. JOHNSON finally made it to Co B, 2/327 VN and wrote about the cost of a Life Membership which is \$100 - a good investment for you younger Eagles. Each Life Member receives a beautiful goldplated membership card and think, no dues for a lifetime.

Mrs. Francis Norris whose son is in Vietnam sent us a letter from Billy Bowles of the Charleston, S. C. News and Courier, who won the Ernie Pyle Award for his reporting on Vietnam. Mr. Bowles wrote: "The 101st is my favorite outfit in Vietnam. On my trip last year I spent more time with the 101st than any other unit. This year, the company your son is in is commanded by Capt Raymond Millard, an intelligent professional soldier. If your son has to be there fighting(you should be glad he is with the unit he is in. I wish your son the best of luck."

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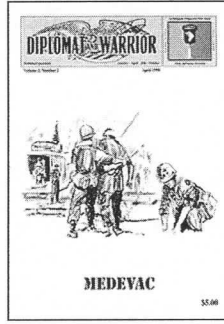
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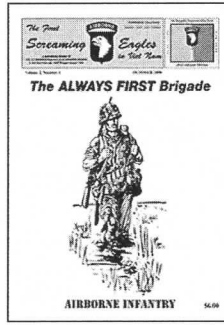
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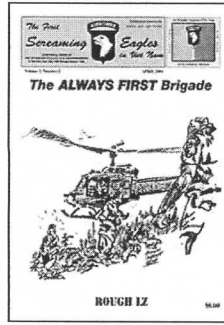
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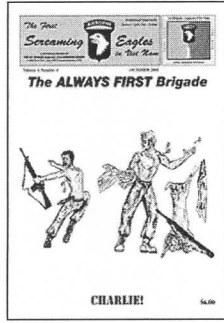
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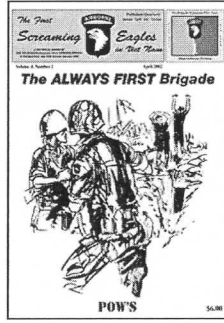
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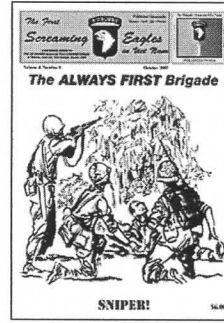
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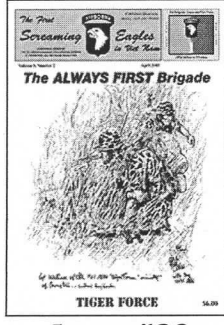
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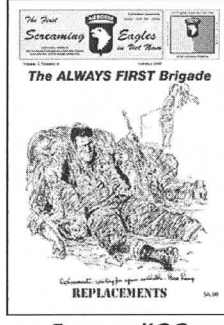
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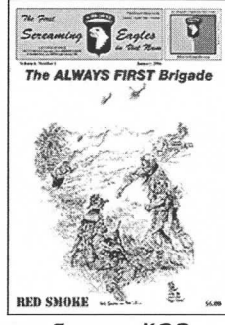
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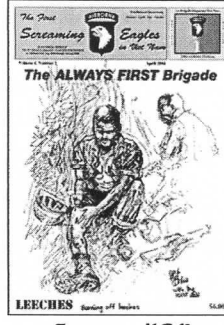
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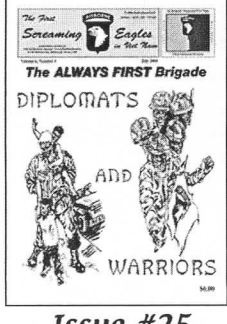
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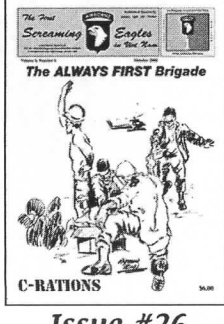
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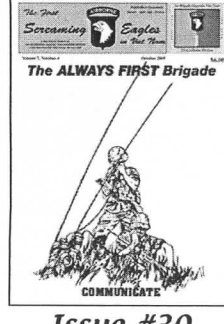
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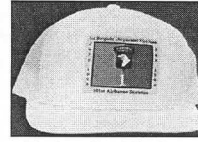
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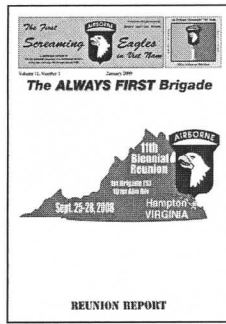
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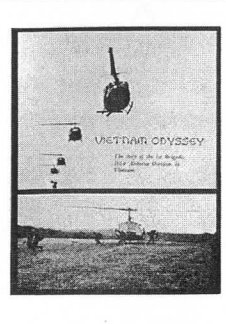
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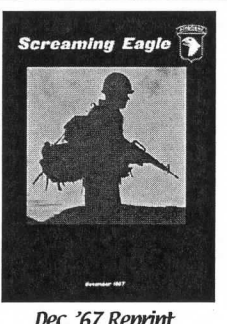
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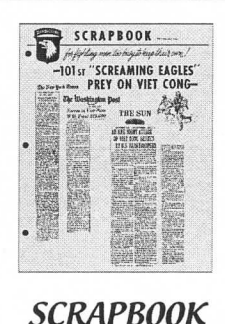
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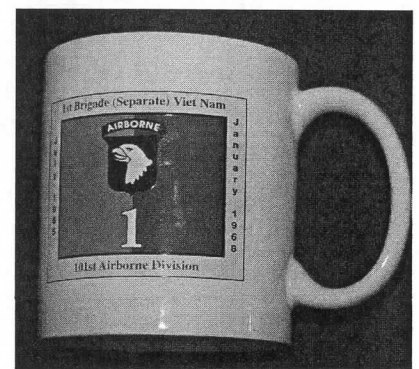
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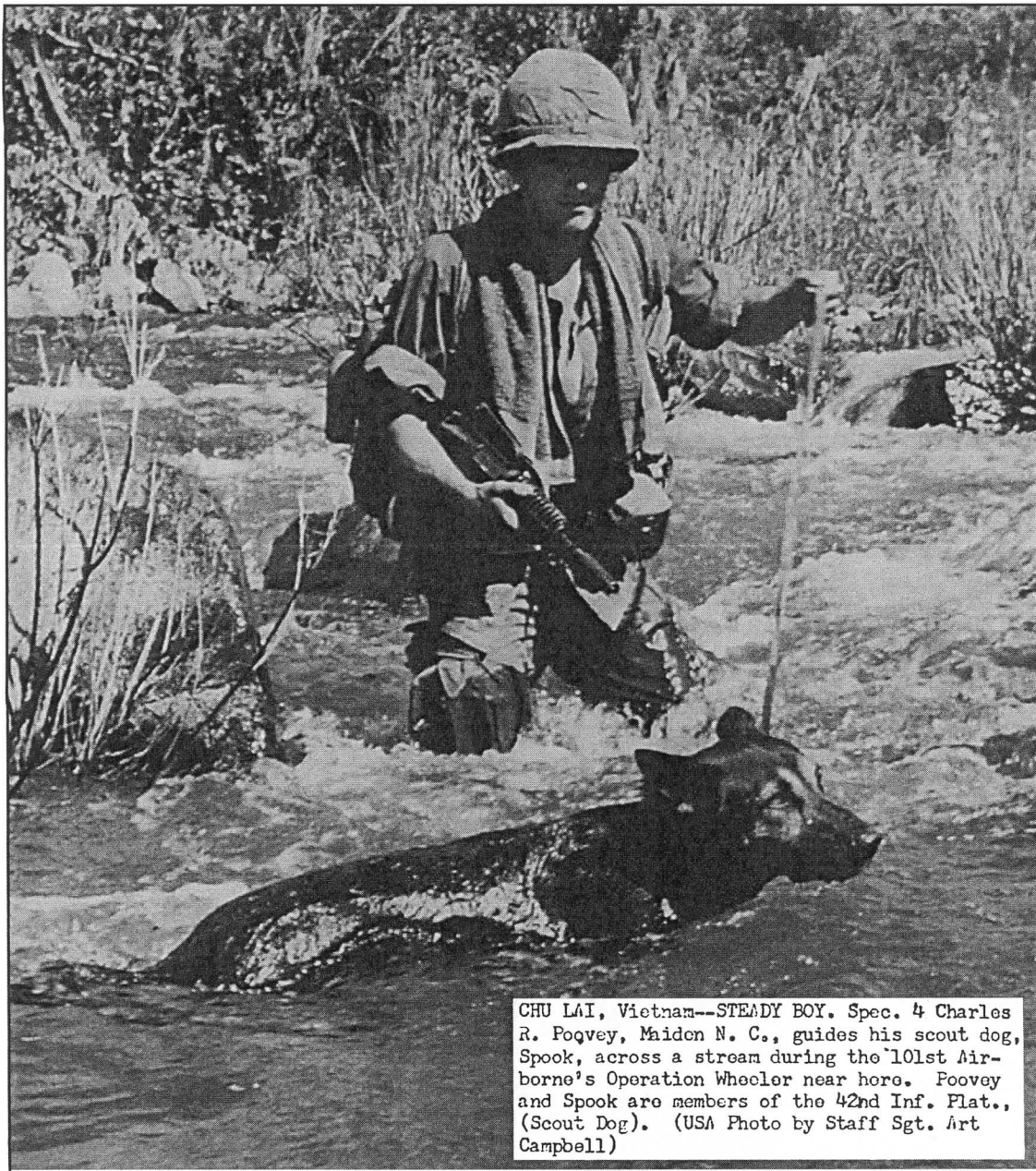
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