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MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, stands in front of the Distinguished Member of the Regiment display in the First Brigade Combat Team Headquarters at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. To the right of his head in the photo is COL(R) Edmond P. Abood 1/327 CO 67, now deceased. Above and to the right of his head is his photograph taken at a parade when he was Company Commander of Company C 1st Airborne Battle Group 237th Airborne Infantry in 1957.

My wife, Alice Robinson Worrell died on July 11, 2010. We were married for 60 years one month and seven days. Her Memorial Service was in Sweetwater on July 24th and she was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on August 24th. She loved fulfilling the duties of an Army Wife. Her active participation in unit, post and community activities enriched the lives of those she met and worked with. She will be tremendously missed. I do appreciate the expressions of sympathy received from many of you.

Our community recently lost my good friend and Special Forces comrade Ralph Shelton. Ralph, who retired as a Major, never served in the brigade nor was he active in our Special Forces Chapter. His team was somehow connected to the capture of Che Guevara but he never

finished his book about his Special Forces exploits. Ralph served, here in Sweetwater, as a City Commissioner and was interested in promoting tourism for our area.

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I wish to urge all who can to attend the Omaha Reunion planned for October 6 - 9. This could be the final separate reunion held for the veterans of the First Brigade (S), 101st Airborne Division. I believe it will be as good as a reunion can be because Terry Zahn has hosted three previous 101st Airborne Division Association reunions in the same hotel where the First Brigade Reunion will be held. I am also excited about once again seeing the completed PARATROOPER STATUE in the Heartland Park in Omaha. The hotel is well laid out to support a reunion and we will have a great hospitality room, great food for our Memorial Luncheon and the Always First Banquet. If you need more information about the reunion call, write or e-mail me using the information printed on the back cover of this magazine.

My gratitude is expressed to a number of people who have sent me material to scan and use in future issues of this magazine. If you have a story you believe could be published, please contact me and send the material so I can begin working on your story.

We have been selling coffee mugs for a few months and have sold few mugs. I like them because they have a color logo showing the First Brigade colors and our Separate Brigade around the outside. A number of people urged me to have a First Brigade mug produced and a very small number seem to be interested in owning one.

This magazine is rather gray and I regret that it is. The TIPS FOR DIPLOMATS AND WARRIORS and THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR unit paper in the center fold are both copies of mimeographed material which cannot be spruced up so we are gray this time.

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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 initative 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).

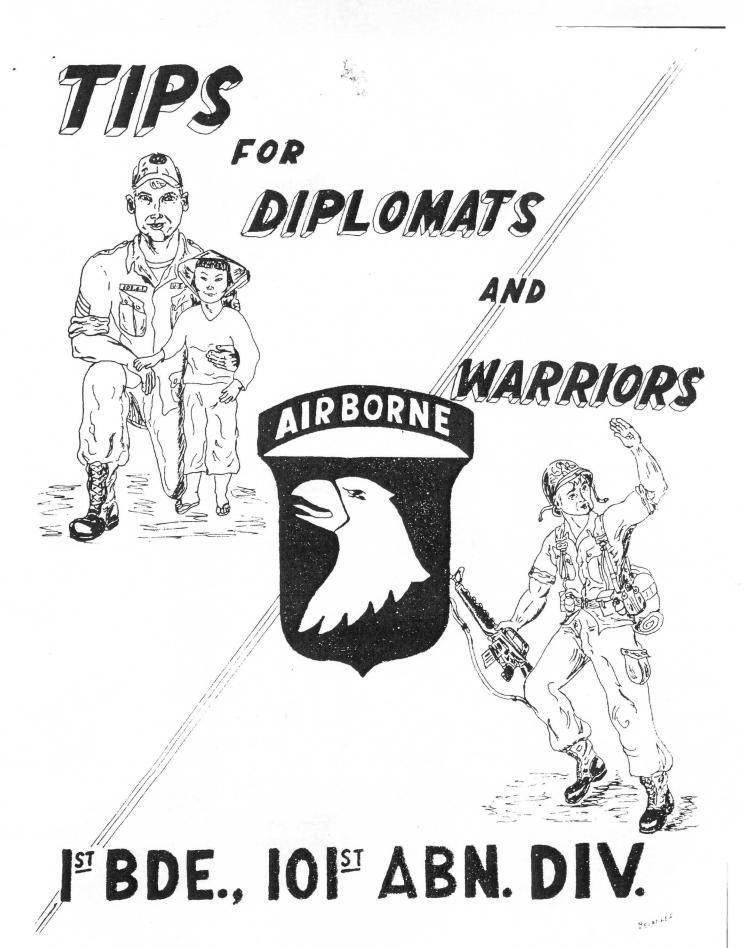


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Dear Ivan:

Thank you for your recent note reminding me that I'd allowed my subscription to *The First Screaming Eagles In Vietnam* to expire (again), and also for the note's gentle prodding about submitting material concerning events that occurred during our time with the 1st Brigade (Separate). In response to the former, please find enclosed my personal check for \$50.00 for a two-year subscription renewal. As regards to the latter, I am also forwarding to you in this mailing a copy (complete with typos, of which there are several, despite the rather rigorous "vetting" to which this document was subjected during its gestation) of the "Tips for Diplomats and Warriors" pamphlet that I wrote – as my last official task as the Brigade's Assistant S-3 – before leaving the Brigade in June, 1966.

Although I started my tour with the Brigade as C.O. of A/2-502, beginning in August, 1964, and took the Company to Vietnam on the Leroy Eltinge, as one of the original "Boat People," I'd been wounded and evacuated in September 1965 during Operation Gibraltar. Following two months' hospitalization in Japan, I returned to the Brigade in November (just before Thanksgiving), and was re-assigned as Assistant Brigade S-3, a job I held for the remainder of my tour with the Brigade.

One day, o/a mid-May 1966 – when, if my memory doesn't fail me, the Brigade was conducting operations near Dak To - and as I was beginning to look forward to my approaching June, 1966 DEROS, the Brigade Commander (BG Willard Pearson) called me to his tent and said he had a job for me. He told me he wanted me to gather-up the accumulated First Brigade combat and operational Lessons Learned from the major part of its first year in Vietnam, cull them, distill the essence or key elements from that mass of material, and then write-up the product as a pamphlet for distribution to the Brigade. Of course – as BG Pearson was quick to point out - that meant getting input from all the Brigade units, as well as thoroughly researching the Brigade staff files (such as they were...), and also vetting my drafts through the S-3, and the Brigade XO and Deputy (we had both, at the time), before submitting the resulting draft to him for final approval. It was also clear from our conversation that the General regarded this as just another staff action, and that I'd be expected to continue to perform my regular S-3/TOC plans, operations and shift duties as well.

It was apparent to me that this would be an undertaking of no small magnitude, and one that might require an effort lasting some time, perhaps even extending beyond my DEROS. When I somewhat hesitantly expressed that thought to BG Pearson, he promptly and cheerfully advised me that I wouldn't have to worry about that, since I wouldn't be leaving to go home (and to my next assignment as an ROTC Instructor at the University of San Francisco) until I first satisfactorily completed the Lessons Learned pamphlet.

Well, as one might imagine under the circumstances, that had the effect of marvelously focusing my mind on the task at hand. As a result, to this day all I can remember of those last few weeks at the Brigade CP is a sleepless, redeyed, formless blur of near-incessant activity. But, thanks in very large measure to the full, enthusiastic and absolutely essential cooperation of all concerned throughout the Brigade, commanders and staff officers alike, I did manage, in the end, to complete the pamphlet to BG Pearson's satisfaction, and in time to permit me to depart the Brigade as scheduled. Which is good...because I remain convinced, that if I hadn't done so, BG Pearson really would have kept me there until I got it right!

Best regards, /S/ Gerry Landry

TIPS

Monday, May 24, 2010 10:30 AM From:

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Dear Gerald,

Thank you for the copy of TIPS FOR DIPLOMATS AND WARRIORS. As you may recall I printed the successor to your work in the July 2009, October 2009 and January 2010 issues of the magazine.

One of the first missions given me by General Matheson was to publish a new BRIEFING PACKET for incoming replacements.

Your publication was right on for General Pearson and was used until February 1967 but General Matheson was

not a big fan of "diplomats" describing a soldier's primary duty.

I will plan to publish your TIPS in future magazines to highlight the diversity of the outlooks of these two Brigade Commanders.

Thanks again for your support as a long time subscriber and for your input for publication in the magazine.

Ivan

Ivan,

Thanks for the much-appreciated "feed-back" in your two e-mails to me today, in response to my submission for THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES newsletter. Am looking forward to seeing the old "Tips..." once again disseminated to the troops. But to tell you the truth, along with the other guys I remember talking to about this in the Bde S-3 shop back then (including CPTs "Tex" Turner, Bill Wilson, Ted Mortensen, and Stu

Sherrard), I was never really comfortable with that "Diplomats..." moniker, either!

In any case, here's the electrons of my letter to you, per your request.

Best regards, Gerry

Gerry,

I am in the process of scanning the TIPS and plan to use as a three part, 10 page at a time, series. Hopefully starting in the October issue.

Would you send the letter you enclosed with the TIPS to me by e-mail. If it is in Word sending it as an attachment would be great.

Ivan

PS. Remembered after my message this morning that General Matheson also immediately ordered me to find a new name for THE DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR. iw

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS 1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION APO SF 96347

AVAD-C

13 June 1966

FOREWORD

The effectiveness of a unit is measured by the quality of its leaders; the aggressiveness of its men; and the results it has achieved in combat. Certainly, as our record shows, we have produced results and conducted a successful campaign since our arrival in Vietnam. However, no unit is perfect, and we continue to increase our knowledge after each operation. This pamphlet contains much of what we have learned in ten months of almost continuous combat operations against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army. We have learned this is a war fought by small unit leaders. Therefore it is focused at the company grade officer and senior non-commissioned officer's level. It is not all emcompassing, nor is it, or can it be, complete. Your own experiences in the days ahead will no doubt add much to what is written here.

Remember your training, look to your leaders, always move out prepared to do your job to the best of your ability, and above all - STAY ALERT AND STAY ALIVE!!

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WILLARD PEARSON

Brigadier General, USA

Commanding

DIPLOMATS

In World War II, the aggressive spirit of the lolst Airborne Division was characterized by the now famous reply "Nuts", given in answer to the Commander of the German forces when he demanded the surrender of the lolst troopers defending Bastogne. This same spirit is found in the troopers of the 1st Brigade today. However, an additional challenge exists in Vietnam; a challenge that requires not only the same aggressiveness shown at Bastogne, but the tact and patience of a diplomat as well.

Every soldier projects either a favorable or unfavorable image of America and of Americans. Every soldier therefore becomes an ambassadorat-large. His conduct, appearance, behavior and discipline improve or mar this image. If we are to develop a pro-western attitude on the part of the Vietnamese, and harmonious and effective coordination in our common pursuit of the war, we must exercise a high degree of personal diplomacy in our day-to-day relations with the people.

To assist you in your dealings with the Vietnamese people and to help promote and maintain the mutual respect and friendly relations necessary for the full accomplishment of our mission, the following guidelines have been established.

1. Concerning the Vietnamese People:

- a. Units may, and in fact are encouraged, to provide welfare items for donation to needy Vietnamese groups. These items are then distributed through the Brigade S-5. If the individual soldier personally gives candy, chewing gum, cigarettes, rations, money or other items to any Vietnamese, the overall civil affairs program is hampered. For instance, giving candy to children is considered an insult to the parents and the parents in turn lose respect for the US soldier.
- b. Insure that you have sufficient local currency (Piasters) before going to town. The use of Military Payment Certificates (MPC) on the Vietnamese economy is unlawful.
- c. Find out from your buddies who have been "in-country" longer than yourself, what you should expect as reasonable prices for goods and services on the local market. If you pay more than the established value (which you may be able to easily afford) for goods or services you automatically inflate the economy. In a sense, you are cheating your buddies.
- d. Identify yourself with the goals and interests of the local people. Make an attempt to follow their customs, speak their language, and to understand their way of life.
 - e. Treat women with politeness and respect.

- f. Show the Vietnamese soldiers whom you encounter on our operations that you know their rank and respect their experience.
- g. When driving, be especially cautious of Vietnamesa; pedestrians; always give them and other Vietnamese vehicles the right of way.
- h. Rude behavior, an open display of wealth, or general obnoxiousness will immediately cause dislike for you and your country. Avoid such conditions at all times.

2. Concerning Your Professional Conduct:

- a. Stay alert whereever you go; remember security in your conversations, and always be ready to react with your military skills when required.
- b. Give all possible assistance and cooperation to other Americans, military and civilian, who are here helping the Vietnamese people.
- c. Never forget where you are and why you're here. Practice self-restraint as a virtue, and deliberately avoid any actions which would discredit our metives or weaken our standing with the Vietnamese people.
 - d. Don't use unnecessary force.

3. Concerning Your Personal Conduct:

- a. Keep your appearance up to the highest possible standards as dictated by your location and situation.
- b. Call the Military Pelice immediately when involved in an accident in which someone is injured or when property damage exceeds 1000 plasters. Cooperate with Vietnamese Pelice.
- c. Den't assemble in large groups in any city or tewn, but on the other hand, den't travel alone. Use the buddy system.

THE ENEMY

1. The Individual

- a. You will encounter a variety of enemy troops, ranging from the poorly trained and equipped hamlet guerrilla to the well trained, indoctrinated, and equipped North Vietnamese soldier. In either case, he is an elusive and determined foe. He must endure many hardships, and he is often very dedicated. He is an expert in the arts of camouflage, deception, and ambush. He is a hardy and ruthless fighter, but he is not invincible.
 - b. The enemy is considered in three general catagories.
- (1) The local hamlet, village or district guerrilla is poorly educated and trained. He may be armed with a few grenades, an old French or German rifle, or a captured US weapon. Although he may only be a part time soldier, he is an important part of the VC effort. The local guerrilla knows the people and the terrain. He controls the local populace and supports VC units operating in his area. He may serve the VC as a porter, guide, or trail watcher; he may maintain a local cache and prepare village fortifications, or provide an early warning screen for regular units; he may conduct acts of terrorism, harrassment, or sabotage; and he may serve as an intelligence agent.
- (2) The Main Force Viet Cong is a full time soldier. He may have gained combat experience against French, ARVN or US Forces, or he may be a recent recruit from the local forces. He'is usually well trained and equipped. He is outfitted with his weapon, a few grenades, a pack, a tubular shaped sack of rice which he slings across his shoulder, a hammock, a set or two of black pajamas, and a pair of rubber sandals. He may carry a variety of weapons, usually of US, French, German, Russian, or Chinese origin. His ammunition is obtained from local caches; his unit participate in operations against friendly forces usually only in his own prevince.
- (3) The North Vietnamese soldier has, in most cases, been carefully indoctrinated and trained before his long march into South Vietnamese has been provided a simple, but lightweight and well adapted set of equipment, including khaki uniforms, a sun helmet, standard load bearing equipment, a plastic canteen, canvas rubber-soled shoes, and rubber sandals he carries a modern and effective chicom copy of a Russian family of weapons (SKS carbine, AK-47 assault rifle, RPD LMG, and PRG-2 rocket launcher). The carbine, assault rifle, and light machine gun all use a standard 7.62mm cartridge. He has trained and infiltrated with his unit into South Vietnam.

2. Military Organization:

a. The highest enemy military headquarters in the Republic of

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Vietnam is the Central Office, South Vietnam (COSVN) which receives instructions from Hanoi. COSVN has overall responsibility for VC military operations in RVN and exercises direct control over certain units. Six VC military regions are subordinate to COSVN. The military region is a political headquarters with a closely integrated military component which directs military operations of subordinate units. At provincial and district levels, the VC political and military structure closely parallels that of the Government of South Vietnam. Each VC political headquarters at province, district, village, and hamlet levels includes a military component which exercises control over Viet Cong military units assigned to its area of jurisdiction. This organizational technique subordinates the military to the political and promotes unity of effort. The VC organization is patterned after that used in North Vietnam.

- b. North Vietnamese Army and Main Force VC units are organized into squads, platoons, companies, battalions, regiments and divisions. All these units follow the "Triangular" concept, i.e., three squads per platoon, 3 platoons per company, etc.
- (1) The squad includes ten men organized into three cells. The first cell consists of the squad leader and three other men. The remaining six personnel are organized into two cells of three men each. The assistant squad leader is the leader of one of these, and the senior member leads the third cell. The squad is armed with carbines, assault rifles, and hand grenades.
- (2) The rifle platoon has three rifle squads and a weapons squad. The weapons squad is equipped with light machine guns.
- (3) The rifle company has a strength of 60 130 men, and includes three rifle platoons and a weapons platoon. The weapons platoon is armed with the 60mm mortar, 57mm RR, and light machine guns.
- (4) Each battalion (300 600 men) has three or four rifle companies, a heavy weapons company, and special purpose platoons (signal, engineer, reconnaissance). The heavy weapons company employs the 81mm or 82mm mortar, the 57mm RR, and heavy machine guns.
- (5) A typical regiment (1400 2000 men) consists of two to four rifle battalions, a heavy weapons battalion, and special purpose companies (anti-aircraft, signal, engineer, reconnaissance, and medical). The heavy weapons battalion employs 81mm or 82mm mortars, 75mm recoilless rifles, and heavy machine guns. (On occassion, enemy use of the 120mm mortar, and 70mm or 75mm pack howitzers has been reported).
- (6) Recent indications are that the enemy is beginning to use division level headquarters, conducting multi-regimental operations.
- (7) Local force units are usually encountered in squad and platoon strength. However, local force companies and battalions are known and operate in many areas.

(8) Military units vary considerably in strenth and equipment, depending upon subordination, location, health rate, availability of food and recruits, degree of VC control and results of recent engagements with FWMAF forces.

3. Tactics and Techniques:

a. General:

- (1) The basic tactical code of the VC is "When the enemy advances, withdraw; when he defends, harrass; when he is tired; attack; when he withdraws, pursue." Emphasis is placed upon speed, security, surprise, and deception. The VC exhibit great skill in making the most of their enemy's weaknesses.
- (2) Enemy operations are planned in detail and are based upon careful reconnaissance and collection of intelligence. Troops are prepared for a mission with detailed rehearsals, including the use of mockups, sand tables, and similar terrain. Once a plan has been prepared and rehearsed, the VC seem reluctant to depart from it. A certain inflexibility is apparent in many VC operations, but on some occasions, VC forces have shown themselves to be capable of improvisation.
- (3) The VC are very cautious and attempt to determine in detail the size, disposition, and direction of movement of their opponents before engaging them. They would rather let an opportunity slip by than act hastily without proper intelligence and preparation. For this reason, a meeting engagement, which usually does not provide a marked advantage to the VC, is avoided at all costs. However, should such an action take place, they are taught to "Be the first to deploy troops to critical terrain, be the first to open fire, be the first to assault." The purpose of this aggressive action is to seize the initiative and to delay and disorganize the enemy by causing him to deploy rapidly under fire. During the resultant confusion, the VC break contact and withdraw.
- (4) Local Viet Cong forces tend to operate near roads and villages where they may control the local populace, and assist the regular units which cannot so easily avoid detection. Main Force and NVA units normally move and establish bases in more remote areas, usually along natural lines of drift, such as trails, streambeds, and valleys. They take maximum advantage of heavily vegetated terrain which provides them concealment from aerial observation. They move deep into difficult terrain, such as high mountain ranges, only when pressed by our forces.
- (5) The VC will normally make use of every opportunity to harrass, to delay, and disorganize our forces through the use of snipers, mines, booby traps, probing attacks, etc. They will usually attempt to disengage and withdraw when faced with superior firepower, or when they no longer enjoy an advantage. In contrast, NVA units may defend tenaciously, or vigorously press an attack, even in the face of overwhelming

US firepower. They frequently attempt to employ "close embrace" tactics, or engagements at very close range, to prevent our use of supporting fires. They often disengage and withdraw only after suffering severe losses.

b. Offensive Tactics:

- (1) An important VC offensive tactic is the raid. It may be conducted by units from squad to regimental size, and is most often executed during the hours of darkness. Two basic types of VC raids have been noted. The surprise raid is the most common. Securacy and speed are key considerations in this type of action because the VC raiding party may have less numerical strength than the defending force. The power raid is one in which the VC employ overwhelming strength and fire power in order to annihilate a defending unit. The time the raid begins may be a clue to its nature. Raids begun after 0200 hours are rarely power raids.
- (2) The ambush is one of the most effective VC offensive tactics. Ambushes are normally established along roads, trails, streams, and other natural routes of movement. Friendly forces patterns are studied in detail, and then ambushes are established along regularly travelled routes. VC ambushes are usually short, violent actions followed by a rapid withdrawal. Frequently the VC have established ambushes behind friendly patrols after they left their patrol bases. When the patrol retraced their routes, they were caught in ambushes when patrol members were tired and security was lax.
- (3) The "lure and ambush" is a commonly used VC tactic. The basic principle is to draw the attention of friendly forces, and lure them into prepared ambushes. Many variations of this tactic have been noted.
- (a) The VC have attacked an outpost or vulnerable unit and then attempted to ambush relief forces at nearby landing zones or along principal avenues of approach.
- (b) Withdrawing VC units have attempted to lead friendly forces into the ambushes of other VC units.
- (c) Snipers have drawn the attention of friendly units and enticed them into ambushes.
- (d) The VC have mortared friendly base camps and then ambushed friendly forces in search of mortar positions.
- (e) The VC have used some of the above methods to entice friendly units into heavily booby-trapped or mined areas.
- (h) Harrassment is a basic tactic of VC guerrillas. Sniper activity and probes are used to demoralize, confuse, and mislead friendly forces. Diversionary harassing attacks have been used to draw friendly forces away from vulnerable VC installations.
 - (5) The VC are experts at infiltration. They have infiltrated

friendly positions during periods of reduced visibility and adverse weather, often combining the infiltration with a faint or ruse. Frequently they have infiltrated friendly positions disguised as local civilians. Objects of VC infiltration are sabotage, assassination, demoralization of friendly troops, collection of intelligence, and diserganization of friendly units. Rapid deterioration of organized defenses and many accidental casualties have been caused by these infiltration tactics.

(6) The VC have been known to follow a friendly unit to a helicopter or truck pick-up point. They then launch an attack as the last units are leading, when they are most vulnerable and least prepared mentally to react quickly.

c. Defensive Techniques:

- (1) The Viet Cong avoid defense because they cannot withstand friendly firepower. However, they may defend vulnerable units, bases, and installations for short periods of time.
- (2) The Viet Cong prepare extensive defensive positions throughout their operational areas. If surprised by friendly forces, they will, if possible, withdraw to a previously prepared position and defend until they can break out, most probably during the hours of darkness. VC positions are characterized by defense in depth, mutual support, overhead cover and maximum use of natural cover and concealment. Defenses are oriented along trails and other obvious avenues of approach. Booby-traps are often incorporated in the defenses, particularly in VC base areas.
- (3) As a reaction to friendly heliborne operations, the VC have prepared defensive positions at the edges of prominent landing zones in their operational areas. In some instances they have remained covered in a second line of fortifications several hundred yards from the landing zone while friendly artillery and Tac Air prepared the landing zone. When the preparation ended, the VC moved forward to defend at the edge of the landing zone, and then withdrew to the second line of trenches when necessary.

d. Withdrawal Techniques:

- (1) The Viet Cong include a withdrawal plan with every offensive and defensive plan. As soon as the situation becomes unfavorable
 to their forces, they withdraw rapidly along preplanned, concealed escape
 routes. They often break down into small groups and withdraw along the
 same route they used in their approach.
- (2) During the withdrawal, the VC make extensive use of rear guard personnel whose mission is to delay the pursuing friendly force until withdrawal of the VC main force is accomplished. Ambushes designed to slow friendly forces are also frequently employed.
 - (3) A typical withdrawal technique used by small VC forces in

danger of an unfavorable, close range centact is to drop their packs and run. Friendly forces have been inclined to slow their pursuit in order to inspect the packs.

- (4) The VC may also evade capture by hiding or by blending in with the local populace. Hiding places used by the VC are almost limitless, although underground locations appear to be the favorite. Underground means of hiding troops and equipment range from simple "spider holes" to elaborate, reinforced rooms. From the surface these underground installations are most difficult to detect. Critical points are entrances and exits, which are usually concealed in gardens, animal pens, under piles of straw or dung, in or under structures, and in river banks.
- (5) Extensive and ingeniously constructed underground tunnel systems are one of the unique features of underground hiding places. Most are constructed in such a manner that they permit short term underground habitation. They are usually built in a zig-zag, multilevel form with ventilation holes at various intervals. This type of construction may provide protection from grenades or discovery. When cornered underground by friendly forces, the VC will often eject a grenade from one of these holes and attempt to escape through another exit during the resulting shock and smoke.

e. Booby Traps and Mines:

- (1) Booby traps are favorite devices of the VC. Grenades, spike traps, poison arrows, unexploded ordnance (duds), and a variety of ether means are employed to harass, slew down, confuse, and kill friendly forces. The forms of these weapons are limited only by the imagination of the designer.
- (2) Booby traps have most often been used along trails, in moats and entrances to villages, in gaps in fences or thick brush, at fording sites, at bypasses to obstacles, in doorways, and on abandoned bodies, weapons, and equipment.
- (3) Grenades are commonly used as booby traps because they are lightweight, easy to carry and cenceal, and readily adaptable. They are frequently put in trees or bushes along trails friendly forces are expected to use, with trip wires strung across the pathway.
- (4) Spiked foot and man traps are common types of booby traps found throughout Vietnam. The spikes may be sharpened bamboo sticks, or they may be barbed wood or metal spikes emplaced in wooden, concrete or metal blocks. The spiked devices are placed in holes along routes of movement, and carefully camouflaged to prevent detection, or they may be placed in rows on top of the ground.
- (5) The VC also employ crude but effective trip wire type devices along trails and paths which release arrows, bamboo whips, and other swinging, barbed, club-type objects. Barbs are often dipped in poison to compound casualty effects.

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South Vietnam, July, 1967



Gerard Forken, Stars and Stripes

South Vietnam, July, 1967: Sgt. Maj. Paul B. Huff, left, a Medal of Honor recipient in World War II, talks with Sgt. Maj. Walter T. Sabalauski during an operation by the First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, near Duc Pho. Huff, 48, came from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he was Sergeant Major of the 101st, to take over the top NCO job with the "Screaming Eagles" 1st Brigade. He earned the Medal of Honor, the first paratrooper to do so, by singlehandedly wiping out three German machine-gun nests on the beachhead at Anzio, Italy, in 1944.

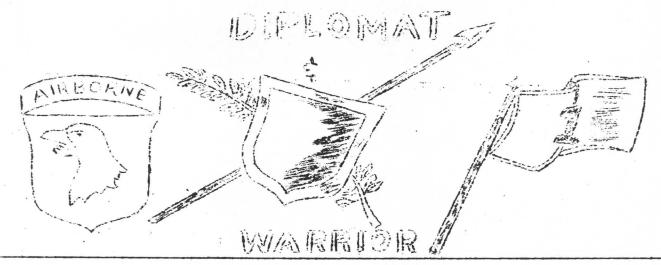


Motorized Vigil

Paratroopers of A Troop, 2nd Squdn (Abn), 17th Cav., patrol Highway 1 near Tam Ky while engineers of A Co., 326th (Abn) Engineers sweep the road ahead for mines.

(Photo by Spec. 5 William P. Singley)

From the George E. Brown, Sr., 2/17 CAV A 6/66-1/68, collection.



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COMMANDERS NOTES

The weekly publication of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division will now be published under the new name "Diplomat and Warrior". This name best typifies the brigade's mission as I have pointed out in talks to you during the past week.

As warriors we must destroy the organized and PAVN units so that the Republic of Vietnamwill be free to form its own institutions, economy and way of life. As diplomats we must represent the best product of free nation, its citizens: We must show a willingness to give without a return, to respect other customs than our own, and to put moral principles ahead of personal gain.

The first task you have always done well. The reputation of the 101st on the battlefield is legendary. I have been most favorably impressed with your spirit and aggressiveness. You can be proud of what you have done.

The second task is more difficult for we must, through example, demonstrate the advantages of a democracy. We need to stimulate in the Vietnamese people a desire to emulate the free world principles. We cannot afford to neglect the civic action aspects of this conflict, for in the (Cont'd Page 2, Col 1)



A GUIDT 7 STAR DÉSCENDS ON SCREAMING FAGLES BRIGADIER . NEL L FEARSON ASSUMES COMMAND OF 101ST

Brigadier General Willard Pearson assumed command of the 1st Brigade, of the Army's 101st Airborne Division during a rain swept ceremony at Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam.

Brig Gen Pearson, arrived recently from Fort Campbell, Ky., where he was the assistant Division Commander for the 101st Airborne Division, accepted the Brigade colors from outgoing commander; Colonel James S. Timothy before a representative formation of Screaming Eagles in brief ceremony characterized by plaudits for the Brigade's combat accomplishments in Vietnam.

The ceremony was unique in that Brigade elements (Cont'd next column)

in contact with the were Cong a scant 12 Viet kilometers to the north. Pearson noted, General "Under Colonel Timothy's leadership, the Brigade has established itself as an aggressive, hard hitting, fast reacting force that gets the job done in professional style." His closing remarks indicated, "When the year ahead close, I am comes to a certain your accomplishments will best described by the Brigade motto having been as "Always First"

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final analysis this war will be won, not on the hattlefield, but in the hearts and minds of the Vietnamese people. Your appearance, actions, and standards of conduct will count on the tally sheet of victory.

Our dual missions are in fact one. We are emissaries and fighters; diplomats and warriors.

/s/Willard Fearson /t/WILLARN FEARSON Brigadier General, USA Commanding

MALARIA CASES DECREASE

An interview on February 4th with the 1st Brigade surgeon, Captain James R. Matthews indicated a recurring need to follow the malaria prevention program strictly. When querried reference the status of the Brigade's malaria cases he noted, "During the past months new cases of malaria in the Brigade decreased markedly; however, there is a continued need to adhere strictly to the Brigade malaria SOP if we are to continue at our present low rate.

Captain Matthews noted further that although mosquitoes are not necessarily vicious in the Tuy Hoa area, all personnel should use mosquito netting whenever possible.

QUICK TRIP HOME

Specialist Fourth Class Bobby W. Lonon, 21, of Roswell, N.M., was called home on emergency leave to attend the funeral of his deceased father, and, at a time when time means so much, he made the trip across the Facific in just 12 hours.

Specialist Lonon rode the rear seat of a F-104 trainer jet from Tan Son Nhut airfield in Saigon to Roswell. This trip was in great contrast to the one he made coming to Vietnam last July aboard the USNS Eltinge, a journey of 21 days.

NEW PUBLISHING DATE

Effective with the current issue of Diplomat and Warrior, the newspaper will be published weekly on Sunday. By this method current news for the complete precding week (Sunday through Saturday) can be included in the weekly wrap-up. (Edt)

BOND PROGRAM LAUDED

The recent Savings Bond awards received by the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division was the cause of three laudatory letters received during the past week from Major General W. C. Haneke, Chief of Finance, Department of the Army, Brigadier General John Norton, Deptuy Commanding General United States Army, Vietmam, and Major General Stanley R. Iarsen, Commanding General, Field Forces Vietnam.

General Haneke noted, "The members of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, are making a major contribution to the preservation of freedom? At the same time, by participating in the Savings Bond Program, they are helping to provide our economy with the resources required to back up our military strength in these critical times. The assumption of 'this patriotic and individual obligation reflects great credit not only upon each participant, but the entire Army and our nation as well. On behalf of the Secretary of the Army, I extend congratulations and thanks to the members of the 1st Brigade for the accomplishments they achieved in the Savings Bond Program."

Brigadier General John Norton added, "I wish to extend my congratulations to the members of the 1st Brigade, lOlst Airborne Division for their outstanding participation in the Savings Bond Program. Through this accomplishment they are helping to "win in Vietnam" not only on the battlefield but on the homefront as well." Major General Stanley Larsen added his congratulations by continuing, (Cont'd on Page 6 Col 1)

Before a massed formation of Screaming Eagles in the rain drenched airfield at Tuy Hoa, Col James S. Timothy, former commander of the Arry's 1st Brigade, 101st Airbonne Division, was awarded the coveted Legion of Merit.

The presentation was made by Brigadier Genoral Willard Pearson, the new Commander of the Screaming Eagles, to the New Orleans native for his outstanding combat leadership of the Brigade, Colonel Timothy has led the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division since July 1964. The unit which has been referred to as

SURPRISE PACKAGE

(Continued next column)

Wouldn't it be nice if every package sent by friends in the United States would have a few items added while enroute. That's exactly what happened to a package re-

ceived by Capt John J. Beise Jr., West Pere, Wis., of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. The package was sent to him by Dr. Walter Miller of Elmhurst, Ill., a close friend of the captain. Enroute to the Army Post Office in San Francisco, the package was shuffled around to the point where it was practically torn open. Prior to banding it up and sending it on to Vietnam, a postal employee decided to show his support for the sacrifices being made by American fighting men in the Republic of Vietnam. Opening the package, Captain Beise found a note with the following inscription: "I have added peanuts, candy, soap, and one Sad Sack comic book." It was igned, "A friendly postal employee."

"Timothy's Traveling Trouble" by Army Chief of Staff General Harold K. Johnson, has conducted 47 combat operations in six widely separated areas since arriving in Vietnam from Ft Campbell, Ky.

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SEABORNE TROOPERS

Who says that the paratroopers of the Army's 101st Airborne Division only operate on ground and in the air? For five days, two hundred, fifty men of Division's 1st Brigade enjoyed an ocean cruise in the China Sea. South paratroopers, armed to the teeth and prepared to disembark from a Navy IST at Tuy Hoa, spens the TET holiday season fishing and lounging in the warm Pacific sun. Sgt Major Trinidad Prieto, Anderson, S.C., a veteran with the 101st in World War II said, "Living at sea is for the Navy. I was darn glad to get my feet back on dry ground." The IST had propeller trouble and could not risk a landing in the rough waters in this area. Paratroopers often have rough airplane rides before a jump, "but half of us were sick as tame timber wolves," one Northwesterner complained. The LST · ultimately returned to Cam Ranh Bay where the paratroopers boarded aircraft for the trip north.

Light immortal! Light Divine! Visit Thou these hearts of Thine and our inmost being fill. Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds; Our strength renew; On our dryness pour Thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away. Do Thou bend the rigid will; The frozen heart with fervor Guide the steps that go astray. Upon those who trust Thee Thee believe evermore, and Thee adore, in Thy sevenfold gifts descend. Give them virtue's sure reward; give them Thy salvation, Lord; give them joys that never end. TIPS FOR COMBAT SOLDIERS

The 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 502nd Infantry under Lt Col Henry E. Emerson, Milford, Pa., has found the "YETI NET" useful and to be most effective tool in Vietnam. on the British experience in Malaya the net as adopted by this Airborne unit is a piece of burlap or burlap bag measuring approximately 80 inches by 40 inches which can be used to carry dirt from a foxhole, thus making the hole more difficult to locate, and can be used as a camouflage cover for the hole and man in it. Of course the hole is then smaller than an average conventional foxhole and thus becomes a very effective "Spider Hole". At least one side of the "YETI NET" is painted the same color as the surrounding terrain giving greater concealment to the bearer. The bag is not bulky, and in fact, is quite compact for the work it does.

VIETNAM RECONDO

For the past few years the 101st Airborne Division has been conducting unique school for junior leaders at Fort Campbell. The program which was dubbed "Recondo" was initiated under the tutelage and command of General William C. Westmoreland, then Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division, effectively implemented by Major Lewis L. Millet, a Congressional Medal of Honor winner from the 27th Infantry in The term "Recon-Korea. do" is a blend of the words, and in fact, deeds of Reconnaissance and Doughboy emphasizing that the traits of both are taught to the junior noncommissioned officer leaders of the Screaming Earles.

The accomplishments of the school have been brought to complete fruition in the steaming jungles of Vietnam as small recondo patrols have proved extremely effective in finding the slusive Viet Cong, tracking him, and upsetting his plans and morale by calling and adjusting accurate artillery fire his theoretically upon safe redoubts.

Every skill taught at the Fort Campbell school has been tested and honed to a fine professional edge in the treacherous mountains and jungle type environments in which the 101st has fought.

The equipment carried is relatively standard to Airborne. The mainstays, of course, are the M16 rifle (.223 Cal) and the AN/PRC-25 backpacked radio. A patrol armed with completely automatic wempons is a formidable defensive force . should they be required to fight to accomplish their mission. (Continued next column)

The AN/PRC-25 radio has proven to be a vast improvement in both range and dependability over the older model AN/PRC-10 and is thereby indispensable in the maintenance of effective communications.

The steel pot is doffed in deference to the soft cap, as the helmet is bulky, heavy, and reduces the hearing and viewing capabilities of the wearer in thick terrain. A poncho completes the basix necessities as a cover and ground cloth.

A tribute to the forsight of General Westmoreland and the courage. stamina, and professional skill of it graduates the Recondo program proven itself in armed combat as highly successful and in the finest traditions dating from Major Robert Roger's standing orders to his Rangers of 1759.

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TIMES TO REMEMBER FOR 101ST SCREAMING EAIGES

As torrents of rain splattered on the steel planking of Tuy Hoa airstrip troopers of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division and the USARV Band sought shelter in an abandoned maintenance shed.

The USARV Band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Vieoian, was awaiting the arrival of Brigadier General Willard Pearson, the new commander of the Screaming Eagles.

The troopers packed into the open shed amidst stacked M-16's, tubas, colors, and guideons to await for the change of command ceremony,

First a trampeter testted his lip, then a trombone chimed in, the drummers then added their talent to an impromptwo jam session.

The music ran the gamut from parade field to Basin Street, to Broadway as the USARV Band entertained for almost an hour approval of with the screaming "Screaming Eagles". For the bulk of the veteran paratroopers it was the first band that they had heard since June of 1965.

Shelt ered from the rain and listening to music, American music, provided a colorful interlude of an otherwise bleak day in an exhausting war. These are the times you remember.

The Federal Government has provided income tax relief for military personnel serving in areas designated combat zones by the President. This includes the Republic of Vietnam. Basically, this tax relief is comprised of the following:

1. Enlisted personnel and warrant officers are exempt from Federal Income Tax on wages earned during those months, any part of which was served in Vietnam. This does not include other income sources, even though the income was received during periods of Vietnam service, e.g., bonds, interest, dividends, etc.

from Federal Income Tax on \$200 per month for those months, any part of which was served in Vietnam:

(NOTE: Do not deduct exempted income from that reported on your tax with holding statement. This has already been done by the Finance Officer).

3. Normal deadline for filing income tax returns for 1965 is 15 April 1966. However, personnel serving in Vietnam have 180 days from the date of their return to CONUS (or other station outside a combat zone) to file. This grace period applies even if your wife has income and you plan to file a joint return.

4. Some states have also altered their income tax requirements to benefit personnel in combat areas. If your state has an income tax, contact your legal assistance officer before filing.

The people of the Tuy Hoa region will eat better and more thanks to the Screaming Eagles of the Army's lst Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

The Tuy Hoa rice bowl 50 kilometers north of Nha Trang is famed as one of the largest rice producing areas in Vietnam, and one of the densest VC concentrations noted in the country. Brig Gen Willard Pearson of Clairton, Pal, the 1st Brigade commander quoted the phrase, "Protect the Rice Harvest; Harvest a crop of VC" in summing up the mission to his troops.

Vietnamese officials estimate that the total yield of rice will approximate 47,000 tons in the Tuy Hoa region with elements of the ROK Marine Brigade under Brig

Gen Pong Chool Lee and the 47th ARVN Regiment under Major Binh working closely with the paratroop forces in keeping the VC from impeding the harvest and harassing the villagers.

RVN officials estimate that between 16,000 and 23,000 workers are in the fields and paddies harvesting the crop which is to be returned to government control. The farmer is then given a receipt for his rice and may draw from the government warehouse against this receipt. This procedure is designed to safeguard the rice from VC capture.

OPERATION "VAN BUREN"

Operation Van Buren, being conducted by the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, is underway with major incidents occurring both north and south of Tuy Hoa.

The Viet Cong regulars, equipped with mortars, machine guns, and small arms, opened up on the paratroopers as they were sweeping through an open rice paddy. As the fire fight mounted, and artillery were called in to bombard the fortified positions of the insurgents, however, the brunt of the action was systained by the ground forces.

To date, Operation Van Buren has netted 25 Viet Cong dead and 16 wounded, (Continued next column) Small caches of weapons and medical supplies were uncovered. Also several classromms, used for teaching the Viet Cong guerillas military techniques, and other communist structures were destroyed. The Airborne unit received only light casualties.



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The Viet Cong captives taken by the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division have not been noted for their exceptional candor; except one. A captive taken by Brigade elements in the Tuy An district north of Tuy Hoa, replied quite frankly to the 1st question reference his occupation. "I'm VC". The rest the interrogation somewhat more difficult the Military Intelligence interrogator, "but we knew we were on the right track".

LETTER FROM SENATOR JACKSON

Capt Paul W. Apfel, the 1st Brigade Information Officer the received following letter from Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington.

Dear Captain Apfel:

Just a note to tell you how much I appreciate your sending me copies of the photographs which taken were during my visit to the Screaming Eagles of the 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division in Viet Nam.

was very much impressed with the Screaming Eagles and I want to thank you and the others for your wonderful cooperation during my visit.

Kindest regards. Sincerely yours,

/s/ Henry M. Jackson /t/ Henry M. Jackson, USS.

TROOP INFORMATION

All personnel should be raninded that their identimication tags, ID card and MACV Nine Rules Card are to be considered part of the uniform and are to be carried at all times.

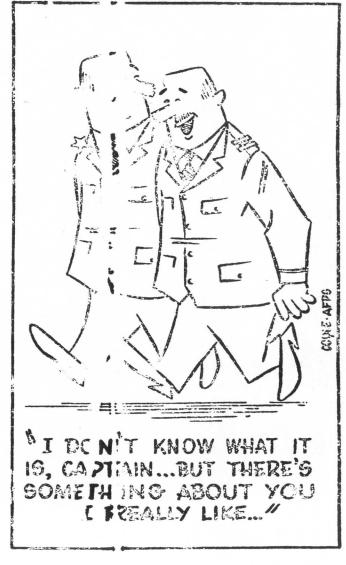
According to the latest issue of a leading mens magazine, the best lressed man in Vietnam always carries the M-16 rifle. The black color of the weapon wears well with an olive green jacket trousers.

Ties are strict ly out this year, and no one should be so "uncsmo" to without the ditone green and black boots. Also a note of interest, the habadashers are turning out more and more steel headwaar this year.

Over the left jacket pocket a set of Airborne wings adds to the completeness of. the best dressed man.

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Ronald J. Gallant 1/327 C 9/66-8/67

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Michael K. Looney 2/502 HQ 11/66-12/68

AUBURN — Michael K. "Mickey" Looney, 64, of Auburn, Massachusetts, was stricken ill and died at home on Wednesday, June 9,

He leaves his five siblings: Timothy J. Looney and his wife Marybeth of

Auburn; Terence J. Looney of Spencer; Thomas P. Looney of N. Brookfield; Kathleen J. Conley and her husband William of Dudley and Anne M. Looney of Auburn; many nieces, nephews, cousins, as well as many close friends. He was born in Worcester, son of the late John B.

Looney, Sr., and Helen I. (Connors) Looney and was raised in Auburn. He was also predeceased by his two brothers: John B. Looney, Jr., and Daniel P. "Speedy" Looney.

He attended Auburn High School and Oceanside High School, Oceanside, CA, before enlisting in the United States Army. He was a member of the US Army's 502nd Airborne Infantry Battalion, 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam

War, serving two combat tours overseas. He earned two Purple Hearts and the Combat Infantryman Badge, Vietnam Campaign and Service Medals and the National Defense Service Medal.

Following his military service, Mickey moved to California where he began working in the film and television industry. During more than a 20-year career, Mickey worked as a location manager, and later as a second, then first assistant



















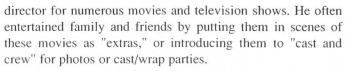












After retiring from directing, he returned to Auburn 15 years ago, occasionally consulting on movies being filmed in Massachusetts. Mickey was a member of the Directors Guild and the Auburn-Webster Lodge of Elks. He loved to fish and enjoyed golf. No matter where he lived, he was always a die hard Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics and Bruins fan, however, he was still a little dismayed with the Bruins past season performance.

Mickey's greatest joy and love was spending time with his family and friends. This joy and love was returned tenfold.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend visiting hours on Sunday, June 13th from 2-5 PM in the Britton-Wallace Funeral Home, 91 Central Street, Auburn. A Mass intention will be held at a later date. Burial in Saint John's Cemetery, Worcester, will be private. Instead of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Massachusetts Veterans, Inc., 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605.

Richard E. Pauley 326 MED D 4/65-6/66

Notification was received from Michael G. Pauley, Executor for the Richard Pauley Estate that Richard Eugene Pauley died September 14, 2009 at age 69.







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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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E-MAIL

+ MAURICE JEFFERSON, 326 ENGR A 6/66-4/68 P.O. Box 22320, Baltimore, MD 21203 (410) 627-5563 mojeff@hotmail.com

Dear Ivan,

I mailed a magnetic bumper sticker to you today. If you want to sell them in the store let me know, your call.

I read the article about Sgt Maj Huff in the last issue. It brought back memories of my return trip to the 1st Brigade in July 1967. We were to catch a MAC flight out of the state of Washington. Some of the flights were delayed so we had to barracks at Fort Lewis for two nights. The second night I was called to the orderly room and told I was to escort a Sgt Maj that was heading to the 1st Brigade the next day. So had to get my class A's pressed and of course spit shine the boots that night. The next morning reported to the orderly room and was introduced to Sgt Major Paul B. Huff. As a Spec 4 with two years in the Army I had never seen so many medals on one person. Of course the medal that really caught my eye was the Congressional Medal of Honor. Luckily I remembered from basic training that you had to render a hand salute which I did. The Sgt Major then handed me his brief case and lit a cigar and said let's go trooper. A car picked us up and we headed to the airport. When arriving at the airport, we had an hour wait so the Sgt Major lit another cigar and started asking all types of questions about the Brigade. While smoking and talking a young airman came up and informed the Sgt Major that he was smoking on the flight ramp. Then the airman started to walk away. Needless to say the Sgt Major told me to bring him back. The Sgt Major proceeded to dress the young airman down about the no saluting the CMH. Of course this was done with the skill only a Command Sgt Major could possess.

We finally boarded our flight. Of course word spread about who was on the flight. All had questions about WWII so the Sgt Major started telling stories. Needless to say, the flight was shortened by the conversation and stories. The Sgt Major was one of the many outstanding troopers to serve with the 1st Brigade.

Also the picture of Capt Julius Johnson brought back memories of the ambush at Song By during January 1968.

Sorry it took me forty-four years to find the web site.

Thanks For The Memory Jog

Maurice Jefferson Maj USA RET A Co 326 Engineer Bn JUNE 1966-1968

Editor's Note: See Stars & Stripes photo on page 15

+ LAWRENCE P. BOECKLEN, 2/327 B 1/67-1/68 18062 SW 41st St., Miramar, FL 33029-5036 lboecklen@ampco.com

Ivan – I just received your notice that I failed to renew my subscription. I recognized my "memory lapse" a few days ago and the check with extra is in the mail. I apologize. Needless to say thanks for all you do. I always look forward to receiving your magazine. Brings back great memories with a great group of troopers. One of my objectives before year-end is to send you a number of photographs taken during my tour in Viet Nam (January 1967 - January 1968). I will cull out those that make no sense and send them on to you.

I will see you at the reunion in Omaha. NFS Grey Ghost B/2/327

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Ivan: Just thought I'd contact you to tell you I won't be able to make the reunion in Omaha. Something came up which I can't get out of. Please tell my No Slack guys I'm sorry to miss them, but I'll be thinking of all. Take care, Ivan & thanks for all your great work for us 1st Brigade guys.

Best to you. Rosie AKA Thunderball

RICHARD MCLAUGHLIN, 2/502 PIO 11/67-7/68 950 N. 7th St., Springfield, OR 97477 cell (541) 968-5713 veteran101@helloworld.com

Dear Ivan,

Awhile back you requested my email address because the old one was not active.

veteran101@helloworld.com

Richard McLaughlin MSG Ret. Combat Photographer 2/502nd

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Thank you so very much for the service, support, and loyalty to all of us in the 1st Brigade, Separate, Vietnam.

You have provided an invaluable historical service with your publications, communications and organizing for the reunions.

Just got some good financial news, so it looks like I will be able to attend the reunion this year. Will register just as soon as good news is confirmed.

Also, will try and call you to touch base for some of your publications and the purchase of some Challenge Coins.

Until then, Strike Force Richard McLaughlin

+ ANTHONY BELLANTONI, 2/327 A 1/64-65 47 Prescott Ave., White Plains, NY 10605-3105 work (914) 946-0004 home (914) 948-6082 tbells@optonline.net

Hope all is well, I wanted to let you know the outcome of our quest for the DSC upgrade to the MoH for Jackie Waymire. I was able to contact all the people involved with the battle and they all concur the DSC was appropriate and just. None of them ever heard mention to recommend for the MoH and especially II Corp Commander whose desk it would have landed on before moving to Division. Everyone is pleased and I am satisfied we cleared up this haunting question of the last 40 years. I think I have brought closure for Jackie's parents. Thank you again for all your help. I have enclosed the letter of appreciation that was sent to all concerned who helped with this matter. Stay well.

Editor's Note: The initial story about the attempted upgrade of the DSC to a MoH was printed on pages five and six of the April 2010 magazine. The letter follows.

August 1, 2010

Letter of Appreciation from Anne & Paul Waymire the proud parents of Sgt. Jackie L. Waymire recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross Bronze Star with "V" Device KIA 9 January 1967 Republic of Vietnam Age 22

On behalf of the parents of Jackie Waymire and myself we wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who gave us hope, support and encouragement throughout this long endeavor to upgrade Jackie's DSC to the Medal of Honor.

Although I may miss some, special thanks must be given to Congressman Nick Rahall, West Virginia (liaison with the

Dept. of the Army); Ronnie Ferrell (who started this quest and secured a Memorial Bridge in Huntington, West Virginia, in Jackie's name); Michael Plummer (Jackie's former CO); Marie Carpenti, National Archives College Park, Maryland; Ivan Worrell, Screaming Eagle Publication; Major Clyde Sincere II Corp Commander 5th Special Forces; Colonel Robert Orms, Mike Force leader "Blackjack 22" 9 January 1967; Lt. Gilbert Jenkins (Major); National Archives St. Louis; United States Army Awards Bureau and Staff, Huntington, West Virginia newspapers and friends.

And let it be said through the years of my research dealing with these military agencies, I have a new respect and admiration for all the men and women who work in the archives and awards units to retrieve information pursuant to medal upgrades and other information people are seeking. They are dedicated people who are compassionate and caring in helping the families of fallen soldiers regardless of the requests.

Their task is not only difficult and some times impossible and emotionally draining, sometimes, maybe not often enough, they achieve a glimmer of satisfaction when all goes well.

Our quest and journey for the Medal of Honor has come to an end but with more gratification and pride we could have ever imagined. Throughout the years of research we learned many things about Jackie's heroism not only as chronicled in the DSC Citation but also with conversations with his buddies, team leaders and commanders all of whom admired and respected Jackie. They remembered he reflected great pride and honor upon himself, his country, his units and the United States Army.

During my conversations with his commanders regarding events preceding that faithful night of 9 January 1967 "Operation Blackjack 22," three occasions stand out in their memories. First -- the night before that mission the Mike Force team was returning to base when they were involved in an accident, the team leader Sgt. suffered a broken leg. Upon hearing this, Jackie went to Major Sincere, II Corp Commander and asked to be assigned. After much consternation and with reluctance, Major Sincere said okay. His reservations were that Jackie was new to the team and maybe had not learned the ropes yet. Major Sincere and the other officers were very protective of their men's welfare. However, in the minds of many that soon changed. Prior to this mission the Mike Force had to interview and go over details of the mission with Division because of new strategies, in this case it was General Westmoreland. When it was Jackie's turn to recite the mission details and his job on the mission, Jackie stood tall and "was very impressive," General Westmoreland commented. Major Sincere was very proud of him because in a short time he got the mission plan and execution perfectly. Although Jackie proved himself to be a superb solider in all respects, it takes time to blend into a Mike Force Team especially for your first very dangerous mission. A look back at history shows us the men of all the Mike Forces and particularly the Blackjack operations were directly responsible for the defeat of the NVA and Viet Cong in many battles because of valuable intelligent reports they used and sent to other combat units.

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The men of the unit knew that 9 January was Jackie's birthday and they clowned with him saying what a way to spend your birthday.

Lt. Jenkins the XO for the mission carried a birthday cake for Jackie more than two days and the men arranged a surprise party for him that day. They laughed and joked all day and told him, keep your head down in jest.

Major Sincere upon learning of mission tragedy that Jackie was KIA and Captain Orms was WIA said a deep sadness came over the men. Later the commanders gathered to discuss the mission and learned of the recommendation for the DSC. All were in agreement that it was justified and was the appropriate award for his heroism.

On that mission the Mike Force was attacked by overwhelming numbers of NVA regulars. Snipers were killing and wounding many of his team that were Montagnards, very loyal to Special Forces. First, Captain Orms was shot multiple times and when Jackie saw this he reacted with only concern for his comrades. Jackie led the attack on the hostile position and at close range killed three NVA soldiers before suffering a fatal head wound. Two medics rushed to his aid and attempted to help him under heavy fire but it was to late. To this day, all I have talked to remember what Jackie did that faithful day and reflect with admiration and pride.

Jackie was a great guy and good friend to many. I will never forget the good times we had in Fort Campbell and Nashville. It is rare that one gets to achieve his dreams in life. First serving as a member of the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, according to many commanders, arguably the finest fighting force in Vietnam. Next under the Command of General Willard Pearson, he served with the 1st Brigade LRRP Recon for which he received the Bronze Star with "V" Device and finally with the 5th Special Forces 1st Special Forces Group. Jackie intended to make the Army his career and end with his service with Special Forces.

The proud parents of Jackie finally have closure after all these many years from a haunting question from 1967 that Jackie may have been recommended for the Medal of Honor but because of the chaos of the day the paperwork was lost, misplaced or destroyed.

All is now fitting and proper and may Jackie rest in peace and take his place with all the heroes that served and gave all to protect this great country.

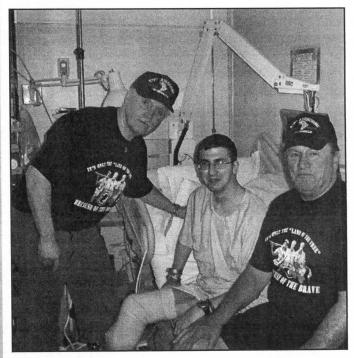
Sincerely, Anne & Paul Waymire

In Special Memory to Ronnie Ferrell, Sgt. Vietnam Veteran

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+ COL EDWARD P. KANE, U.S.A.(RET), 326 ENGR A 4/67-4/68, 1501 Morgan Lane, Wayne, PA 19087-1112, work (610) 989-1350 home (610) 889-7580 when renewing his subscription wrote: Ivan, you're dong a fantastic job in continuing the legacy of a very special group of volunteer soldiers.

+ ROBERT O. MARTIN, 2/327 HHC Hawks 1/67-11/67, 1041 55th St., Downers Grove, IL 60515-4824, work (630) 915-6702 home (630) 968-3852 wrote: Thought the First Brigade veterans would like to hear about the Screaming Eagles George Fallon, my Hawk buddy from 1967 and I visiting last year at Walter Reed. George has a friend who set it up for us to visit our wounded troopers at the hospital in April. And what a great bunch of young men they are. They really do us proud. We spoke with several young guys undergoing treatment for serious wounds, but the amazing thing they all had in common was a sincere desire to return to their units as soon as possible. The young man I've enclosed a photo of, lost the lower part of his right leg to an IED. He was from the 506th, and said he just wanted to get back to the 101st. Another 22-year-old Sgt E-5 we spoke to had lost an eye to an RPG and wanted to return to his outfit as well. Incredible! If anyone gets the chance to visit our troops at the hospital, they should go for it. When all you get is negative rhetoric from the bias media, talking to these wonderful guys is like a breath of fresh air.



George Fallon (2/327 HHC 1/67-1/68) is sitting in the photo and I am standing by the wounded trooper.

I may not be able to make the Omaha reunion this year as I have a niece getting married that same weekend. But I am enclosing \$50 to help out with stuff/booze for the hospitality room anyway. I feel bad as I noticed some of my fellow Hawks whom I haven't seen since the war will be there. Have a great time guys. And have a drink or two on me.

Airborne & No Slack! R. O. Martin

Editor's Note: A check for \$50.00 was sent to Terry Zahn.

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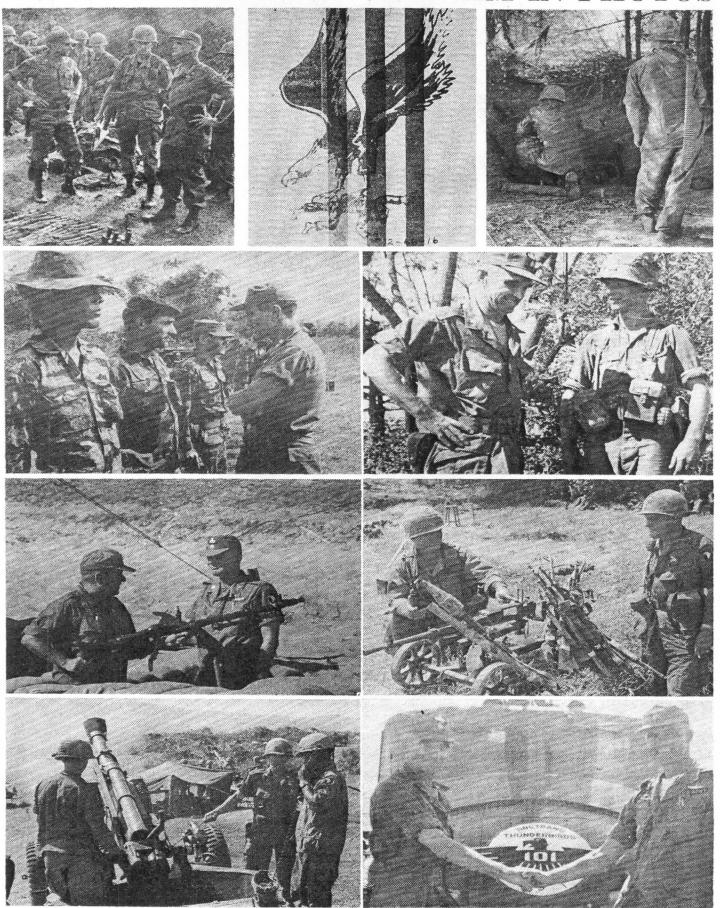


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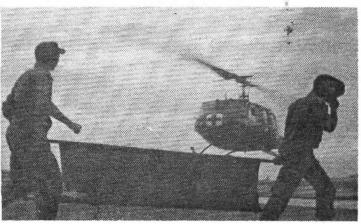






FOTO FACTS: 1. Gens. Westmoreland and Pearson and Lt. Col. Henry Emerson (2/502) examine captured enemy weapons near Tuy Hoa. 2. The Screaming Eagle entices the VC to surrender. 3. Searching the bunkers. 4. Gen. Sternberg visits Sgt. Desmond Hankahi, Corp. David Devers, and Sgt. Paul Kukk of the famed "Tiger Force" of the 1/327. 5. Gen. Pearson and FFC Michael Schjolf during a lull near Tuy Hoa. 6. Sgt. Maj. Trinidad Prieto and Lt. Col. Joseph Wasco (Bde Ex), veterans of Normandy, check out a WWII German MG captured near Tuy Hoa. 7. Sgt. Maj. John Dobransky and Lt. Col. Joseph Rogers (1/327) and enemy weapons. 8. Gen. Pearson fires the M-102 at B/320th Arty, and 9, visits Maj. Donald Elmore, CO Co A, 101 Avn Bn. 10. Its MULE TRAIN for PFC Larry Greenhill and Sgts. William Moran, Ronald Johnson, and PFC Ernest Greer of A/2/502. 11. Best Mess Award to Capt. Don Stiles, Co C, Support Bn, from Maj. Gen. Stanley Larson with Gen. Pearson looking on. 12. Services for men of the 2/502 by Chaplain Bruno Masotti. 13. The 326 Medics at work. 14. THE HELPING HAND—the 101 and ARVN guard while rice is gathered. 15. Evacuation of the Hoi Tin orphanage at request of the parish priest.

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Material sent by MAJ (R) Walter W. Jackson, 1/327 C 7/67-6/68,
is from the November – December 1967 The Screaming Eagle magazine published by the
101st Airborne Division Association.

MAJ DON O. PLONK who was Provost Marshall for the 1st Bde from June 66 to Jan 67 wrote us from 3325 Oakridge Dr, Augusta, Ga. where he is an instructor in the MP School. "I have never served with a better group of soldiers than the Airborne of the 101. My heart will always be with the Airborne. The military police of the Bde were highly respected by all as we tried to give the troopers the best support and service they deserve. The Screaming Eagle keeps me in touch with my many friends. Keep up the good work."

Mrs. Robert E. Lee is so proud of her son, SP4 Jerry L. Beck, Hqs 1/508 Inf, Ft. Bragg, N. C. that she sent us this picture of him. Jerry was a medic with HHC, 2/502 Inf, VN and won the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal for heroic action near Kontum and Dak To for medical aid under fire to wounded comrades. We share Mrs. Lee's pride in our gallant "medics."



SGT. MICHAEL F. LYNN (HHC, 1/327 Inf, 1st Bde, 101 Abn Div, APO SF 96347, sent in his membership from the hospital. His dues card was

sent. In August, he wrote he had not received it although he got his magazine. On 23 Sept., he received the first card mailed the 25th June. We know the mail takes strange paths. A copy of Vietnam Odyssey also went astray—but another sent. SGM Lynn will be rotating soon to the 82nd. We wish him all good luck.

CAPT. WILLIAM P. ROVAN (2/327, VN) wrote from 114-B Butts St., Ft. Benning, Ga., asking for a new card, as his was ruined in Vietnam and noting the large number of Screaming Eagle patches at Benning.

PSG JOHN F. QUIRK (2/17 Cav, VN) wrote from 272D Dyeax Ave., Ft. Richardson, Alaska 99505, on our last issue and the article "Contagious Spirit" and Gen. Gavin's comment on Robert Burggett's Currahee—"both really struck home because they both understand why the Airborne Troops are always best."

RUFUGIO SANTOS, who served with Trp A, 2/17 Cav, VN, wrote us from 1121 É. Abriendo, Pueblo, Colo. He has a large Eagle patch on his wall. He ordered a Vietnam Odyssey and considers his duty in Vietnam as the highlight of his military career.

MAJ. BILLY E. SPANGLER (INFO OFFICER), 1st Bde, 101 Abn Div, APO SF 96347, informs us that they will have a new quarterly publication also known as The Screaming Eagle Quarterly. He reports Gen. Matheson pleased with our Reunion cable and planned to print it. We thank Maj. Spangler and his staff for their help and as they sent us, we send them-"From all of us to all of you—All the Way."

MAJ. IVAN WORRELL, Information Officer, Hqs Fifth Army, Ft. Sheridan, Ill., sent us some photos of the Reunion and his pleasure in the Reunion. He and LtC William Lewis, same office and both former Screaming Eagles, did a great job of publicity for Chicago Chapter working under Gen. Michaelis.

> DAVID WERNER (B, 1/327, VN) lost his personal effects when he was wounded and asked for a new card from 954 Kelvin Ct., El Sobrante, Calif.



Ambush a Success Despite Storm;

TUY HOA, Vietnam (IO)—The operation order was for a night ambush. Lt. Peter Laizik, of Columbus, Ga., returned to his weapons platoon to start preparations to spring a trap on Viet Cong guerrillas.

The weapons platoon of B Co., 1st Bn., 327th Inf.,

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along a trail believed used by the Viet Cong. By late afternoon the platoon was within a mile of their ambush site. They stopped and ate C rations as the heavy monsoon rain began to fall.

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fourth VC surrendered.

The paratroopers quickly retrieved the enemy weapons, equipment and supplies and moved back to the ambush site with their prisoner to -wait for enemy reinforcements or search parties, They never arrived.

Just after dawn the rain stopped and the ambush party buried the enemy dead and moved back to the company command post with their prisoner.

3 Reds Killed

Story from PACIFIC STARS and STRIPES October 30, 1966, page seven.

1st Brigade (S) CHALLENGE COIN

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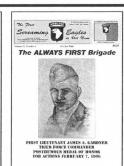
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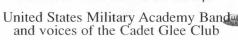
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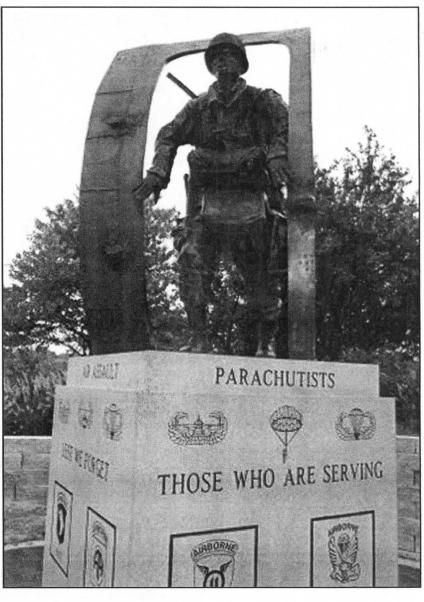
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