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SCREAMING EAGLE



MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, stands by the replica of the First Brigade welcome sign he had produced for the Omaha reunion. See July 2010 magazine for picture of the original sign.

I believe the reunion, in Omaha, was a great success. This magazine will give you a little flavor of what could be the final free standing reunion of the ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE. Several people have expressed an interest in sponsoring a reunion in two years but I have had no word on where, when

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.

or the person or organization willing to make a commitment to a 2012 gathering of The First Brigade (S).


Carol and Terry R. Zahn, SPT BN HQ Eltinge 7/65-5/66, deserve more credit than I can give for their great leadership and organization of the Omaha reunion. Their hard work and the volunteer effort from the Midwest Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association kept all parts of the reunion running smoothly.

Judith Wilson, wife of James A. Wilson, 2/327 B 9/66-8/67, showed signs of illness as they arrived at the Omaha airport and was taken to an Omaha hospital where she remained during the reunion. Shortly after the reunion she died. Attendees were kept apprised of her condition during the reunion and were very supportive of Jim. See page 24 for her obituary and a letter from Jim.

Richard A. Luttrell, 2/327 A 3/67-3/68, and his wife Carole were very active during the reunion as they helped with the raffles and Rich was one of the skydivers at the Paratrooper Memorial Ceremony. A few days after the reunion he became ill. That illness was responsible for his death. Rich was also very active in the 101st Airborne Division Association where he had served as a Governor. He was also prominent in the film produced and directed by Pete Pepper, 2/327 A 8/66-3/68, when Rich returned a picture taken from an enemy soldier he killed to that soldier's daughter. His obituary is on page 24.

I have had a number of questions regarding future reunions and my only answer is that, at this time, no questions about a future reunion have been answered. A few individuals have expressed a desire to host a reunion but no one has said that they will and where and when the reunion would be held. Officers of the 101st Airborne Division Association have expressed a desire to have a brigade dinner in conjunction with the 2012 National Reunion (August 15 -19) where, again, I have had no word about who will be the dinner host and be responsible for notification, registration and arrangements. Stay tuned.

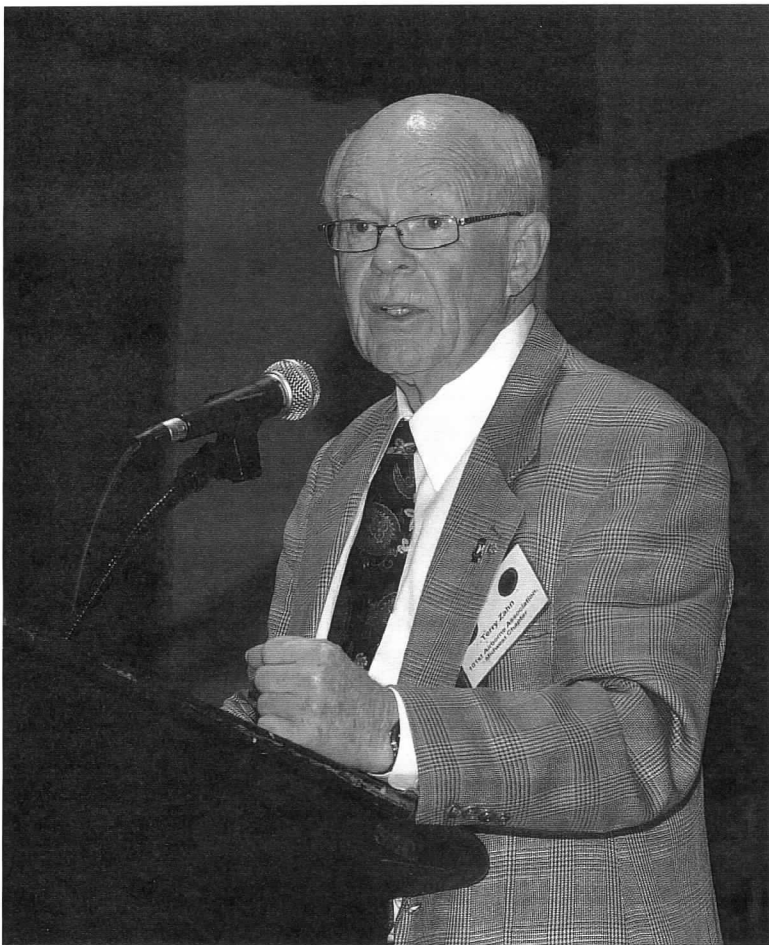
At the Omaha reunion I announced my intention to seek the office of president of the 101st Airborne Division Association. I have notified the chairman of the nominating committee. It is my understanding that the election for that office will be at the 2011 reunion (August 17 - 21) in Lexington, Kentucky. I will appreciate all the support possible from individuals and units in this effort.

The Memory Books from the Omaha Reunion have been mailed to those who purchased them at the reunion and by mail. A limited number are available. The price is \$29.95 each postpaid. Send your order to the magazine address. 

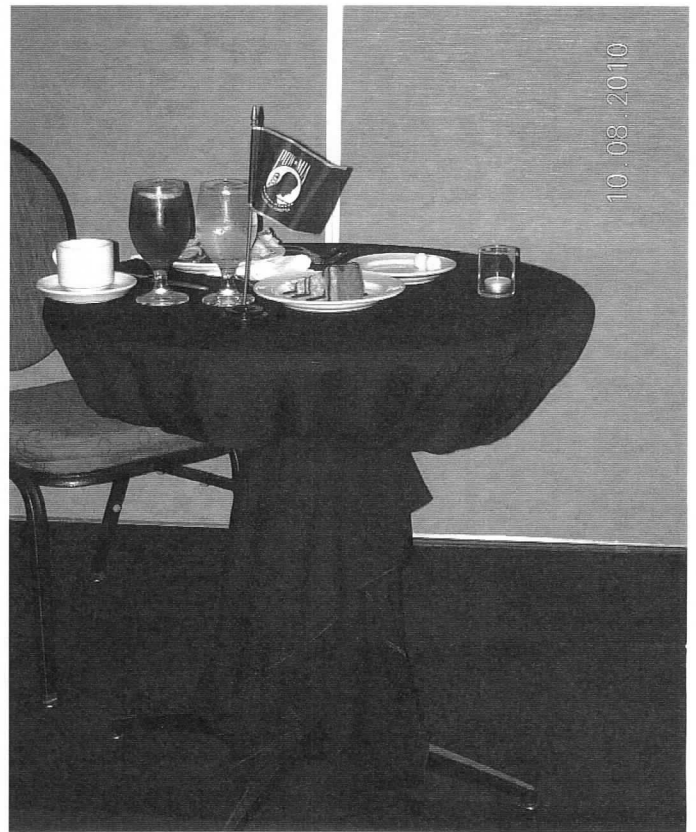




This banner has been used at all First Brigade (S) reunions. It was shipped to Omaha by COL(R) Gerry Morse (1/327 HQ C.O. 7/67-7/68) who could not attend the reunion.



Reunion Chairman Terry R. Zahn (HHC SPT BN 63-66) welcomes veterans of the First Brigade (S) to the 12th Biennial Reunion at the Memorial Luncheon.



MISSING COMRAD TABLE to signify that those present remember the Missing in Action, Prisoners of War and our comrades who have passed on.



Hospitality Room



Sarah Quarles makes a valiant effort to take names to identify a unit picture.



Items ready for the raffle to start



Most of the raffle crew are (L to R) Terry R. Zahn (HHC SPT BN 63-66), Bonnie Wren, Richard Luttrell (2/327 A 3/67-3/68) and Terry Wren (2/327 A 4/67-2/68).*



1st Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry ABU Company

**Front row L to R: Robert R. Papesh (1/327 A 8/65-7/66), Gerald C. Hornbeck (1/327 A 12/65-3/66) and Harold Mattson (1/327 A 5/65-3/67).
 Back row L to R: Eddie Pissott (1/327 A), Robert A. Press, Sr. (1/327 A 6/64-7/66), COL(R) E. Wayne Dill (1/327 A, C, HHC 3/66-3/67),
 David Haskell (1/327 A 65-67), Fred Ranck (1/327 A 12/68-1/70), Raymond T. (Rocky) Ryan (1/327 A 1/64-66), Charles L. Lostaunau
 (1/327 A 7/65-7/66) and LTC(R) Billy R. Robbins (1/327 A 11/62-8/66).**



Tiger Force 1st Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry

**L to R: MSG(R) James D. Wilson, Sr., Ph.D. (1/327 TF 7/65-6/66), Bill Crook (1/327 HHC TF 7/65-7/66),
 David K. Dever (1/327 HHC TF 7/65-7/66), Roy P. "Zeke" Blevins (1/327 C & TF 12/67-1/69) and C. W. Dinkle (1/327 HHC TF 7/65-7/66).**

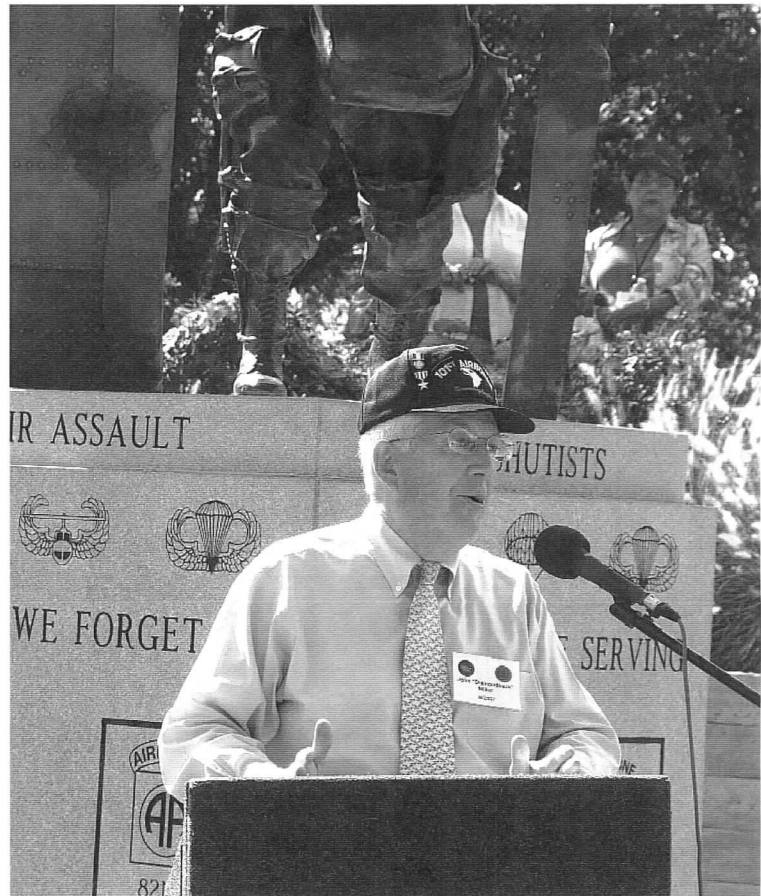


2nd Battalion 502nd Airborne Infantry

Front row L to R: Raymond A. "Chip" Lynch (2/502 A 5/67-3/68), Elijo Navarro (2/502 A 2/66-2/67), Randy Mills (2/502 A 5/67-10/67), Ron Gillette (2/502 B 1/67-5/67), Peter Fekete (2/502 B 4/65-6/66), Charles R. Gant (2/502 A&D 12/67-12/68), Victor A. Thompson (2/502 A 2/67-8/67), Charles L. Mungin (2/502 B 7/65-6/66), Carlos L. Burgos (2/502 A 7/65-2/66), Donald R. Lenc (2/320 FA HHB 6/67-6/68) and Dean J. Beaupré (2/502 A 1/67-1/68). Back row L to R: Donald M. Reddeman (2/502 A & E 8/67-3/69), LTC(R) G. (Rod) Tillman (2/502 A&B 8/67-12/68), Tom Carhart (1/327 A 12/67-6/68 and 2/502 A 12/67-7/68), Thomas J. McMullan, Jr. (2/502 B 6/65-5/66), Henry I. Willey (2/502 A 1/67-1/68), Joseph E. Stifter, Sr. (2/502 HQ 7/65-7/66) and Wilford E. Roe (2/502 B 8/64-9/65).



To close the program at the Paratrooper Statue, Joe Fuchs (nephew of Terry Zahn) played the bagpipes and closed with Taps on the bugle.



John Miller (2/327 B 5/67-3/68) was the main speaker for the program at the Paratrooper Monument.



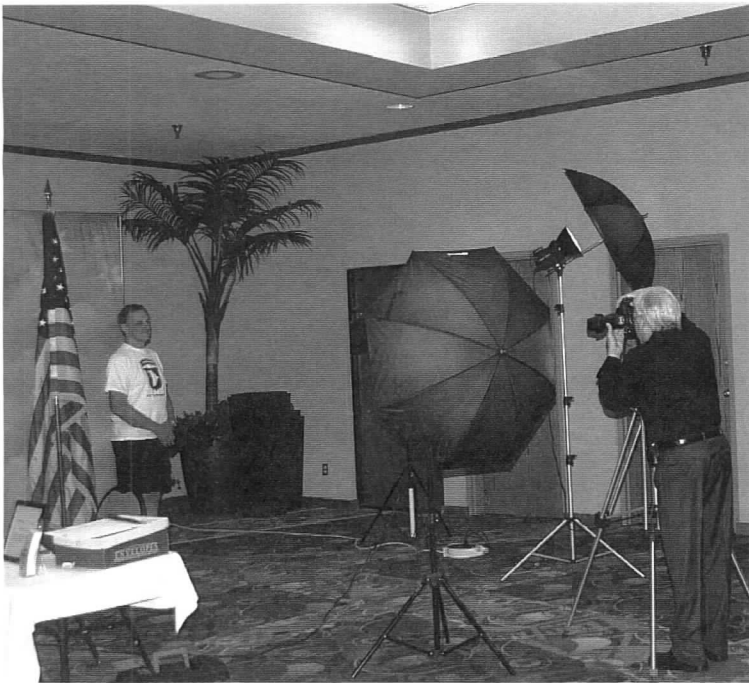
Three bus loads of First Brigade (S) veterans and their families attended the Paratrooper Statue Ceremony.



Chaplain (Col-R) Fred "Max" Wall, Jr. (2/327 HQ 4/67-8/67) was responsible for the Memorial Luncheon.



John Miller (2/327 B 5/67-3/68) was the speaker for THE ALWAYS FIRST Banquet.



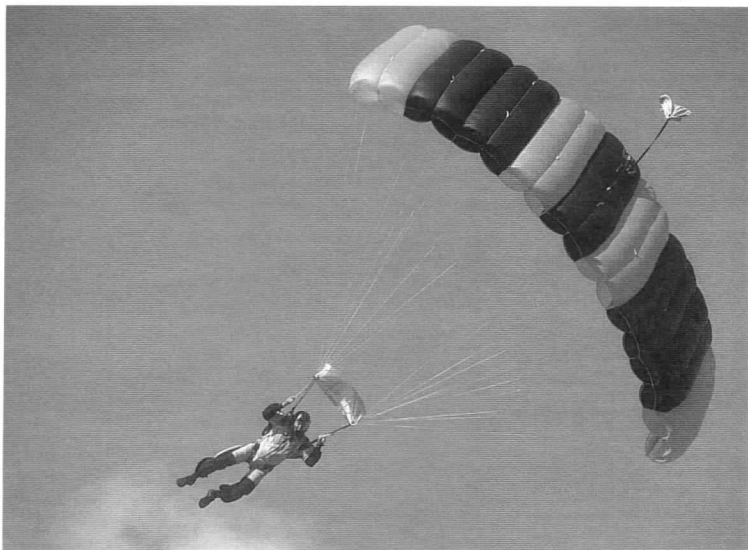
The official reunion photographer, Robert Burlison, in the process of taking a portrait of Donald R. Lenc (2/320 FA HHB 6/67-6/68)



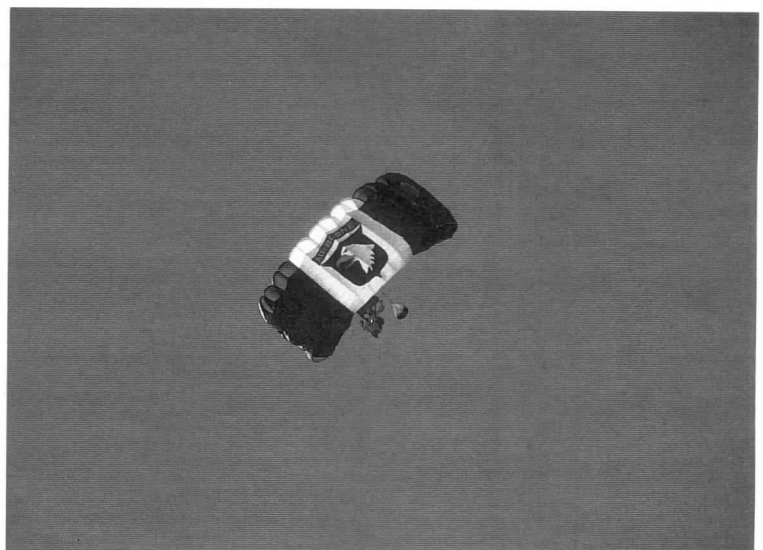
Larry Redmond (2/327 HHC & A 5/67-WIA 2/68) served as Master of Ceremonies for the reunion.



A toast TO OUR FALLEN COMRADS was led by Master of Ceremonies Larry Redmond (2/327 HHC & A 5/67-WIA 2/68).



Richard Luttrell (2/327 A 3/67-3/68) makes a fast approach at the Paratrooper Statue Ceremony.*



The parachute with the Screaming Eagle belongs to Reunion Chairman Terry R. Zahn (HHC SPT BN 63-66) and was used by Sky Diver Mark Farrell whose father was a WWII veteran of the 11th Airborne Division.

**Richard Luttrell (2/327 A 3/67-3/68) died on November 6, 2010*



Carol and Terry R. Zahn (HHC SPT BN 63-66) hosted the 12th Biennial Reunion of the First Brigade (S), 101st Airborne Division.



A back view of the paratrooper statue.

Photos by: Robert Burleson, Ken Potts, Sarah Quarles and Ivan Worrell.

To view or purchase most pictures taken at the reunion follow these instructions. Not all pictures published were taken by Robert Burleson.

*Robert Burleson Photographic Art
www.BurlPhotoArt.com
(423)-536-8106*

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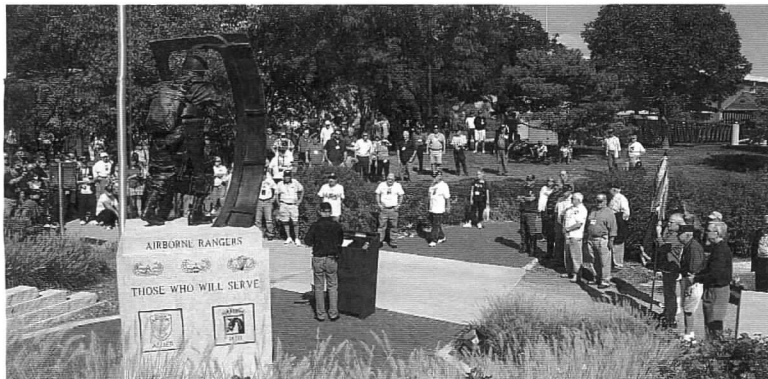
Troopers shuffle and stand in the door (with some lack of coordination).



Jumpmaster CSM(R) Harvey P. Appleman (1 & 2/327 HQ 2/67-3/68) gives the Jump Commands to his plane.



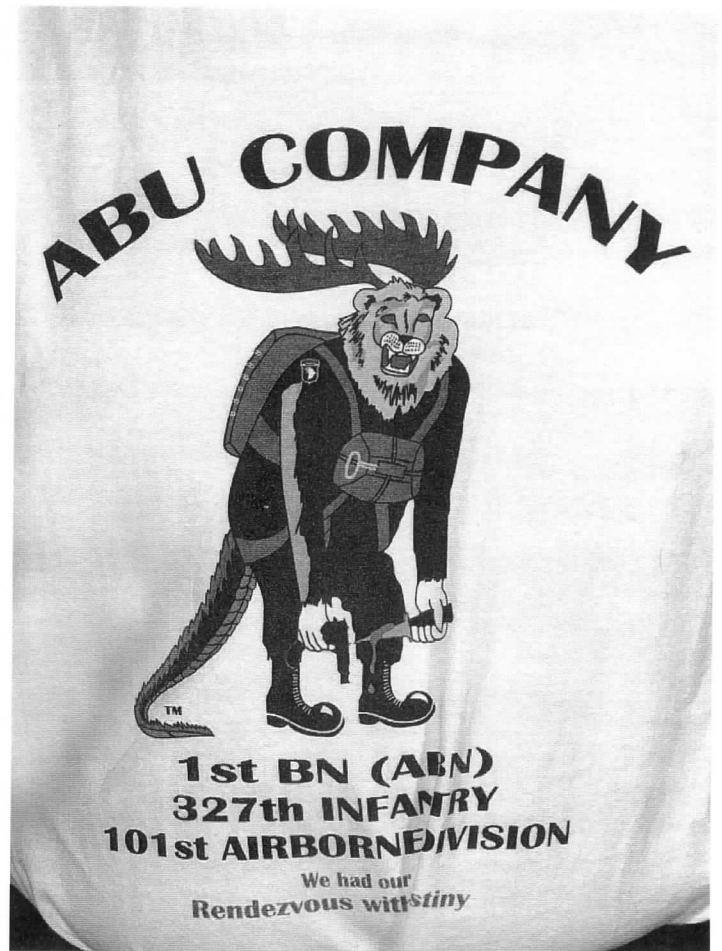
This large replica of the Paratrooper Statue has a price tag of about \$1,800.00.



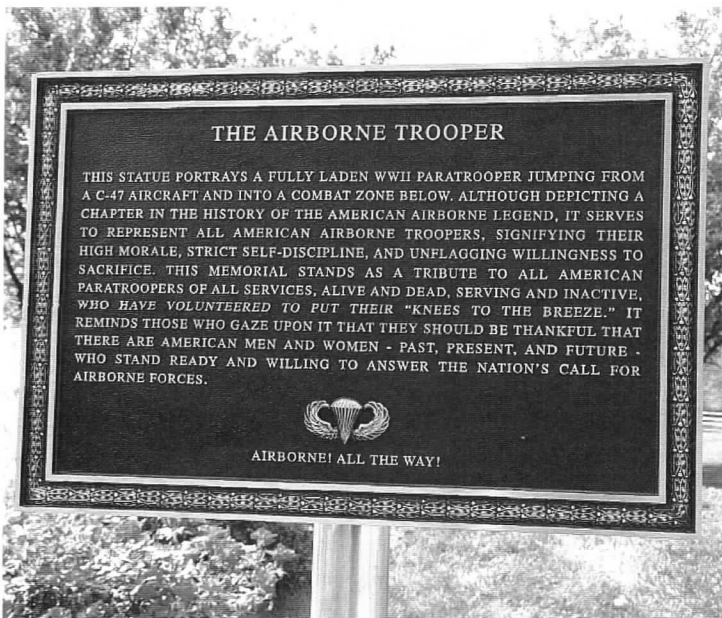
Veterans of the First Brigade (S) 101st Airborne Division at the Paratrooper Statue Ceremony in Heartland Park, Omaha, Nebraska.



Some ABU Company 1/327 have the ABU permanently etched.



ABU Company 1/327 came prepared with their own logo t-shirts.



Marker near the Paratrooper Statue



2010 Reunion Attendees

Doug Abran
2/327 A 67-68

William "Doc" Acree
2/327 A 6/67-2/68

Ronald Adkins and Colleen
SUPPORT B 4/67-3/68

James D. Agins
326 MED D 7/66-2/67

Rex Andrea
2/327 A 8/66-8/67

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

Greg Apraham
2/327 Recon 1/67-9/67

Ken Arnold
HHQ AVN 10/66-10/67

Richard Babbitt and Joanne
2/327 B 7/67-7/68

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. and Barbara
2/327 B & HHC 4/66-4/67

Elmer "Buddy" Bernard
1/327 B 9/66-9/67

Joe K. Berry
2/327 A 12/67-8/69

Gary Bills and Georgine
2/327 A 10/66-10/67

Phil Blevins
1/327 C 12/67-1/69

Dewayne R. Boldin
2/327 HQ 7/65-7/66

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

Sylvester Bowman and Gwendolyn
2/327 B 6/66-4/67

Dallas E. Brown
2/327 A 12/67-12/68

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

Joe Burkhart
2/327 A 6/67-5/68

Dale Burkman and Donna
2/327 A 3/67-10/67

Robert Burleson
Photographer

Kenneth R. Buyle and Kathleen
3/506 HHC 7/67-6/68

Tom Carhart
1/327 A 12/67-6/68

Bill Carver
HHC MP 7/65-6/66

Michael Clancy
1/327 B 1/67/8/67

Bill Crook
1/327 HQ Tiger Force 7/65-7/66

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

Richard Denne
2/327 A

Barry Devanna and Ethel Falcone
2/327 A 7/67-7/68

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

Wayne Dill and Mimi
1/327 A, C, HHC 3/66-3/67

Carroll Dinkle and Bonnie
1/327 HHC 7/65-7/66

Thomas W. Dohnke and Bill Dohnke
2/327 A 7/67-5/68

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

Mike Durrett
2/327 A 6/67-6/68

George Fallon and Theresa
2/327 HHC 1/67-1/68

Peter Fekete
2/502 B 4/65-6/66

Douglas N. Field and Arline
2/327 B 4/66-12/67

Larry Frazier and Debbie
158 AVN C

C. Thomas Furgeson
2/327 A & HHC 5/66-5/67

Gene W. Gainer and Bonnie
2/327 A 7/67-7/68

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

Charles R. Gant
2/502 A & D 12/67-12/68

Benito Garcia
2/327 A 1/67-8/67

Ron Gillette
2/502 B 1/67-5/67 (WIA)

Hal S. Gladson
1/327 B 5/66-5/67

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

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

Roger Haseltine and Theresa
2/327 A 12/65-12/66

David Haskell and Linda
1/327 A 65-67

Franklin C. "Lin" Haskins
1st BDE HHC 6/66-6/67

Glen Heins
2/327 A 9/67-9/68

Larry Henebery
2/327 C 12/65-12/66

Philip Henry
1/327 C 67-68

Dave Henslee and Dan Henslee
2/327 A 1/67-12/67

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

Joe Hoban
2/327 A 12/67-9/68

Gerald Hornbeck and JoAnn
1/327 A 12/65-3/66

MAJ L. W. Johnson, AUS-Ret.
2/327 A 10/66-9/67

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

Robert Karpuzska and Denise
2/327 HHC 9/66-9/67

Jim Kelling and Mary Ann
1/327 A

John P. Lawton
2/327 A 66-67

Malcolm Layman
1/327 B & 319

Lonnie (Doc) Layne
1/327 HHC & C 5/67-4/68

Donald R. Lenc and Dolores
2/320 FA HHB 6/67-6/68

Charles Lostaunau and Lydia
1/327 A 7/65-7/66

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

Raymond (Chip) Lynch and Christine
2/502 A 5/67-3/68

Timothy J. McGlynn and Sharlene
2/327 A 4/67-4/68

Ronald McHenry
2/502 HQ 5/66-5/68

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

Edwin L. McVay
2/327 B 67-68

Art Macdonald and Joyce
2/327 C & HHC 7/66-8/67

Jim B. Mann and Vanita
2/320 A Btry

Bruce Masters
2/327 A 1/66-6/66

Harold Mattson
1/327 A 5/65-3/67

Russell Maxson
HHC AVN 6/65-7/66

Carlos J. Melendez
HHC AVN 66-67

Morris D. Melton, Jr.
2/327 C 7/65-8/66

Samuel Mendoza
2/327 B 67-68

Henry (Hank) Meyer and Sue
2/327 HHC 6/66-6/67

Carl Midkiff
BDE HQ Air Section 12/66-12/67

Nick (Doc) Mihalic and Jackie Teixeira
2/327 HHQ 4/67-8/67

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

Randy Mills and Ronnie Poindexter
2/502 A 5/67-10/67

William Mills and Dorothy
1/327 A

Earl (Doc) Mower
2/327 HHQ 7/65-7/66

Charles L. Mungin
2/502 B 7/65-6/66

Jesse W. Myers, Jr. and Chloe
2/327 C 6/67-6/68

Elijio Navarro
2/502 A 2/66-2/67

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

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

Robert R. (Pappy) Papesh
1/327 A 8/65-7/66

Joseph Parra
173d Abn Bde Co. A 2/503 Inf 11/64-11/66

Charles (Bill) Parrish and Janney
2/327 A 7/67-7/68

Charles Payne
2/327 HHC 12/65-11/66

Pete Pepper
2/327 A 8/66-3/68

Stan Pfeifer
2/327 A & C 9/67-9/68

Eddie Pissott
1/327 A

Freddy A. Pitner
2/327 A 10/65-10/66

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

Ken Potts
1/327 C 12/66-1/68

Robert A. Press and Mae
1/327 A 6/64-7/66
and Russell and Madelyn Stearns

Sammy Pullum and Jeanne
2/327 A 67-68

Sarah Quarles
Reunion Staff

Jesse Ramey and Jenine
2/327 B 9/66-2/68

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

Don Reddeman and Marty
2/502 A & E 8/67-3/69

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

Robert Resendez and Mary
2/327 HHC

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

Orson Robertson, Jr. and Linda
2/327 A 6/67-6/68

Wilford E. Roe and Diana and June Nicoletti
2/502 B 8/64-9/65

COL(R) Roman Rondiak
2/327 B 6/66-6/67

William P. Rován
2/327 HQ & A 6/66-5/67

John L. Russell
2/327 A 4/67-11/67

Raymond T. (Rocky) Ryan
1/327 A 1/64-66

Mitch Rzymowski and Irene
2/502 B

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

Richard Schonberger
2/502 & 327 HHC 7/66-7/67

Thomas Sewell and Lois
2/327 A 1/68-1/69

Samuel B. Snyder and Gwen Elkin
2/502 B 5/66-5/67

Ben Steele
2/327 HDQ

Joseph Stifler
2/502 HQ 7/65-7/66

Ronald (Thom) Thomasson and Sherry
HHC

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

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

Mel Valentine
2/327 C 67-68

Jim Wainscoat and Rosaline
1/327 B 1/66-3/67

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

William F. (Billy) Weldon
2/327 A 7/67-7/68

Terry L. Wiley and Gwynn
2/327 B 4/67-2/68

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

Herb Williams III
2/327 A & B 7/67-6/68

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

MSG(R) James D. Wilson, Sr., Ph.D
1/327 Tiger Force 7/65-6/66

Ivan Worrell
BDE HQ 4/66-4/67

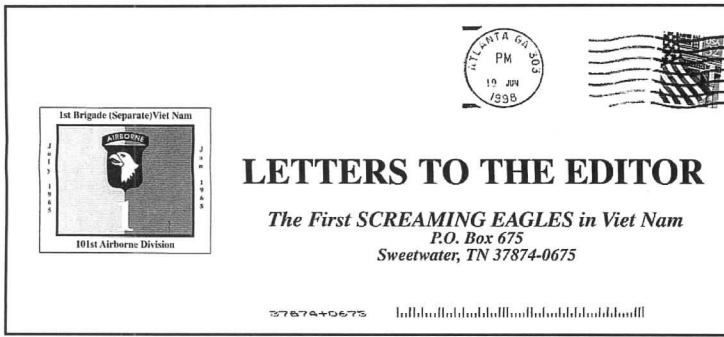
Terry Wren and Bonnie
2/327 A 4/67-2/68

Charles C. Wright
2/502 B 63-66

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

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

Edward Zamot
1/327 C 10/67-10/68



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Thank You!

Ivan, thank you for the October issue of "The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade" magazine. I am saddened to learn of your wife Alice's death in July. I know how you cared for her over the past several years. I congratulate you on your 60 plus years together, and the life you shared.

I'm sure I speak for many when I say thank you for your outstanding commitment and service to us in publishing the magazine and working on annual reunions. Little did I know these days would come when I first reported in to the First Brigade at Phan Rang in March 1967. Working with you, and then Billy Spangler in the IO shop, I remember we were "Diplomats and Warriors" under General Pearson, and then shifted to communicating "Joe Tent Peg's" exploits with General Matheson, as Screaming Eagles. That time has been one of the best periods of my life. I salute all the professional soldiers of the brigade, officers and enlisted men, for their commitment to the mission and the performance standards of the Screaming Eagles. Duty and Honor. It was a privilege to serve with such men.

Historical Perspective

Now this period is history. In that spirit, I recommend to you and your readers the cover article of the September 13, 2010, issue of **The Weekly Standard Magazine**. The title is, "Theirs but to do and Die, Dien Bien Phu and the Twilight of the Warrior," by Robert Messenger, a Senior Editor.

While we have heard and perhaps repeated jokes about the French military over the years, this article will give us a clear picture of the French paratroopers who preceded us in Vietnam - their spirit and guile as well as the restrictions they had on their actions. It also will help us understand more about our enemy. Also our own country's management of the "proxy war" fought on difficult jungle terrain, while the Cold War influenced the thoughts and actions of world leaders whose greater fears were of nuclear annihilation.

Readers will also appreciate the quotes and guide to other books on this subject.

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I will look forward to future Division reunions. I have attended several First Brigade assemblies, and hosted the 1994 Brigade Reunion in St. Louis. I also have been privileged to attend the gatherings of brothers for funerals at Arlington National Cemetery to honor two of our

respected and beloved leaders -- General Matt and Billy.

Barry Hana
CPT, First Brigade IO Shop
1967-68

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Hello Ivan,

Just a note to say, what you have done for all of us 1st Brigade (Sep) vets for all these years is beyond price. Its worth is measured in friendships renewed, lost memories recovered, fallen brothers honored and mourned, acceptance found, inner peace restored, and the parts of ourselves we left in Vietnam coming home. We are truly indebted to you.

Chuck Payne
HHC 2/327 & Bde
Dec. '65 - Nov. '66

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Ivan,

As it often does, your mag evokes recollections, this time of Gerry Landry. We go back to 10th SFG days, "62-'64. Those were the days weren't they, Gerry? The good old days. Anyway I'd forgotten that you were seriously WIA in Operation Gibraltar which touches off some regret because it was my intell as Asst. Bde 2 that put Hackworth on the warpath. 1/101 hadn't had a serious contact during its first six weeks in country and Hack was chomping at the bit. If you want the full details of Gibraltar it's in my book, "Where the Orange Blooms" (McGraw-Hill 1989), but suffice it here to say that I received a spot report from a USAF pilot that he had received a burst of 51 cal. fire from the top of Happy Valley. 51's were only TOE to VC Main Force bns at that time so I drew a suspected bn position on the Bde Situation map. That was enough for Hack to select an LZ for 2/502 at the "abandoned" village of An Ninh. Well you know all too well what happened when you landed. Hack chose to ignore -- and LTC Smith disregarded -- the aerial photo I offered which showed a flag drooping from the village pole. If there was no RVN presence in An Ninh whose flag was it? Duh...

This formed my opinion of our celebrated S-3/Bn CO, which seems to be verified in Abu's new book with its blurb, "Col. David H. Hackworth... The Exposed Wannabe!!!" To me Hack was not so much a wannabe but rather a neverwas.

Glad you're alive and well in Alexandria, Gerry.

Tom Taylor
B/2-502, "65-'66

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+ RONALD J. GALLANT, 1/327 C 9/66-8/67, 5312 Yaupon Holly Dr., Cocoa, FL 32927-3427, (321) 639-9435 along with his subscription renewal wrote:

Just a note to say it was great to see everyone again in Omaha. Hope the reunions and this publication never stop. Use the extra \$ to help someone else.

+ ELIJIO NAVARRO, 2/502 A 2/66-2/67, 3717 Beauregard Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78415, (361) 854-5821 wrote: Here's my renewal for our magazine. I sure enjoyed our reunion in Omaha, specially having supper with you and your granddaughter.

P.S. It was a super supper!

+ COL(R) WILLIAM A. HENRY, 2/327 B 7/65-7/66, 9502 Chestnut Farm Drive, Vienna, VA 22182-3465, (703) 281-7969 along with his subscription renewal wrote: Just a note about recognizing some 1st Bde, 101st Abn Officers. I went to Ft. Benning to participate in a Memorial Dedication for West Point Ranger KIAs from the 60s to today, a total of 230 Rangers. Each had an Engraved Brick placed in the Ranger Memorial. Many were 101st veterans, with a number from the 173d and other units. It was very emotional and very inspiring. Widows, children and parents were in attendance, especially the Iraq and Afghanistan Ranger KIAs. Also in attendance were many of the fine officers, NCOs and EM of the Ranger Training Brigade (who did a great job sponsoring the Dedication) and the 75th Ranger Regiment. What magnificent soldiers! We can be so proud! And they are so respectful and caring for the VN era vets. Each time we drove on post with our Ranger Memorial Dedication Passes on the dashboard, each of us was greeted by the Gate Guards with a "Welcome Home." Put tears in my eyes.

For all the many Rangers of the 1st Bde, 101st, take a trip home to the Infantry School and the Ranger Memorial. The same for all the Airborne. Visit the Jump School (the Towers still stand as we knew them along with the Ground Week area. I watched hundreds of young soldiers in Ground Week. Great fun!) And while there, visit the fabulous Infantry Museum. ABSOLUTELY FIRST CLASS MUSEUM. Opened in 2009. Make sure you go thru the "WWII Company area" behind the Museum. Most of us lived in those barracks in the 60s and 70s!!

Ft. Benning has literally billions of dollars of construction underway as they prepare for the Armor School and Units to move there (about 60,000 people, as I recall). And their Museum to go side by side to the Infantry Museum. That will be the largest Military Museum in the world, I believe.

Thanks again, Ivan. Please renew me.

Bud Henry, Col US Army (Ret)
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THOMAS G. LAREAU, 181st MID 7/65-7/66, 555 Williams St., Pittsfield, MA 01201-7442, (413) 442-7631 wrote after receiving the October 10 renewal letter, "As much as I'd like to get these and enjoy them as well as support the organization, I cannot do so because I have been BLIND. Please keep me on the mailing list for future events."

+ PATRICK H. GRAVES JR., 1/327 B 7/65, 200 Clinton Ave. W, Ste 900 Huntsville, AL 35801, (256) 517-5100 sent the following:

RE: Maps of Vietnam, After Action Reports and Daily Logs (S-3)

Dear Ivan:

I have discovered websites on which one can view Vietnam maps and other materials.

Texas Tech University has a great Vietnam project. To access the site, Goggle "Texas Tech Vietnam Maps" or log on at <Vietnam.

ttu.edu/resources/maps>. On the first page captioned "The Vietnam Center and Archive" in the second paragraph, click on the box with red letters "Map databases Search Page." In the column on the right side of the second page under "Navigate the Country," click on "South Vietnam." A map with all the provinces of Vietnam will come up. Click on the province you want and the maps of that province will appear. Click on the map you want. It is easy to move from map to map by virtue of the red arrows at the corners and sides. On each map, scroll down to the bottom of the page under "View Item" where you have several choices. The largest format that can be printed out is "8.5 X 11 PDF." The print out is not of high resolution. Click on "Large JPG image" for a full sized map. It takes a while to load but the resolution is excellent. I have not found a way to copy from this larger image. The Texas Tech site has other Vietnam War material.

Vietnam maps can be ordered from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) under the Department of the Interior. To assess this site, Google "USGS Map Store" or log on at <store.usgs.gov>. On the first screen, go to the left column under "Product Catalog" and click on "Maps." In the left column at top under "or search term" enter "Vietnam." The maps of Vietnam will appear in alphabetical order. You can enter a name such as *Qui Nhon* in the upper left corner to bypass other maps. A map can be ordered by simply adding it to your cart. They range in price from \$9.00 to \$20.00 each. Orders can be placed with a form or online with use of a credit card. It takes about two weeks for the maps to arrive.

The maps the First Brigade got in 1965 were series L701. Newer maps were printed later in the war and are Series L7014. The newer things are 1968 vintage and show the American construction. The Sheet numbers of the two series do not match. For example, the Series L701 Sheet number is 6752 IV for AN TUC (AN KHE) does not show the 1st Cav's Camp Radcliff but the Series L7014 Sheet Number 6736 IV shows Camp Radcliff just east of Nui Hon Cong. Additionally, some of the newer maps show different areas than the earlier maps.

A very good website with a wealth of information on Vietnam is sponsored by Georgia Tech. It can be accessed by Googling "Vietnam War Resources." This site has individual units and all branches of the armed forces. It also has pictures.

The Daily Staff Journal or Duty Officer's Log, Form AR 220-346, can be obtained from the National Archives at: The National Archives, Archives II, Textual Reference, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001, 301-713-7482 (fax).

The best way to retrieve such info is to ask them what they have for a certain unit for a certain period, e.g., 1/327, 101st Airborne Division, from July 27, 1965 through July 27, 1966. The Archives will respond with what they have and the cost to reproduce. I have retrieved After Action Reports. The Daily Logs are voluminous and expensive to copy. This procedure usually takes about three weeks to answer an inquiry and three weeks to fulfill order.

Hope this helps.

Warmest regards,
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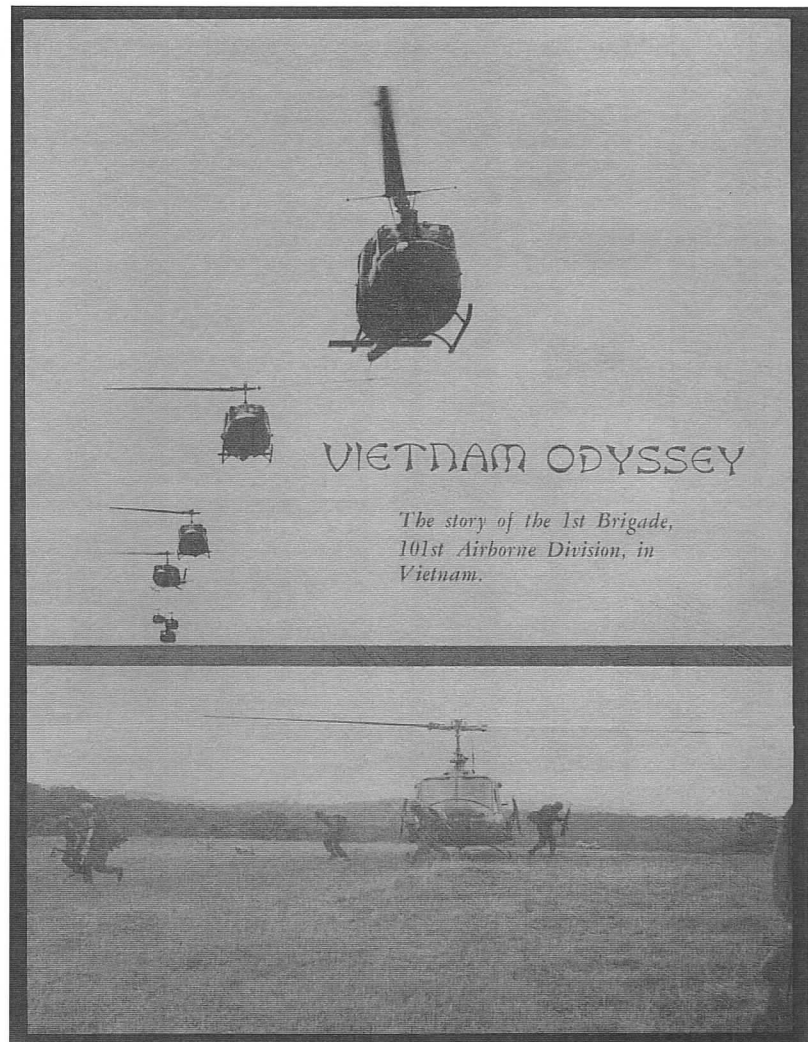
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in Viet Nam, provided many of the photographs.

VIETNAM ODYSSEY is a 108 page 8.5 by 11 inch format, soft cover, with four pages of color photos. The layout is excellent, the photos, sketch art and text were produced by members of the 1st Brigade who were part of the history that is recorded. The manuscript was completed in Viet Nam and sent to the 101st Airborne Division Association for publication.

This third printing of VIETNAM ODYSSEY is now in short supply and will probably never be printed, in quantity, again.

If you wish to obtain a copy of VIETNAM ODYSSEY, postpaid, send a check for \$15.00 to: The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam, P.O. Box 675, Sweetwater, TN 37874.





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ADMIRAL SHARP PRAISES 101ST OPERATIONS

COMMANDERS NOTES

Sincere congratulations to each of you on the success you achieved in Operation Van Buren. Results included the harvestin of over 30,000 tons of rice, killing 283 VC and North Vietnamese soldiers, and raising the ratio of weapons taken to body count to 1:2½. You have earned the praises of General W. C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV, and Admiral US Grant Sharp, CINCPAC, whose messages I have already distributed to each of you.

Such success cannot be attributed to any one man, unit, staff, or leader. It can only be achieved by the team work, devotion, sacrifice, and hard work of every soldier whether he be a supply clerk, cook, mechanic, driver, infantryman, or cannoner. Each of you in your respective field have contributed to the outstanding success of the 1st Brigade team. Keep up your superb performance and we will WIN IN VIETNAM.

/s/Willard Pearson
/t/WILLARD PEARSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

PLAYS DEAD-LIVES NEXT DAY

Names are not mentioned due to the request of the individual concerned that his next of kin should not be notified. (Edt)

By Lt Edward C. Schillo

Darkness set in as a paratrooper of the 1st Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry of the Army's 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division regained consciousness. He had been shot in the head and the Viet Cong were surrounding his position.

In the battle that occurred only an hour before, the trooper had been charging a machine gun position with his squad when he was hit. His squad leader rushed to his side, but because of the lack of movement and the large amount of blood, the only assumption to make was killed-in-action. A short while later the squad was forced to withdraw, taking only wounded with them.

As the paratrooper came to his senses he immediately pushed his weapon into the muddy rice paddy that he was laying in. With the mud on his hand he covered the wound on

(Continued next column)

The following message was received from Admiral US Grant Sharp.

"The success of Operations Jefferson and Van Buren in the Tuy Hoa area is noted with particular pleasure. The close coordination and professionalism exhibited by the ARVN, ROK, and US forces and the accomplishment of the results attained in these operations is noteworthy and gratifying.

Please convey my compliments and a "WELL DONE" to the commanders and troops involved in the above operations. Warm regards."

DEAD - ALIVE

his head. The Viet Cong reached his body minutes later - assuming that he was dead they stripped his body of all equipment, rolled him over twice and then proceeded to carry their own dead off into the darkness.

At the first ray of light the paratrooper walked into his company area and was evacuated to a hospital by helicopter.

Later the medics said that when the trooper caked his wound with mud, his life was saved. Other experts agreed that playing dead at night helped the paratrooper to live the next day.

STAY ALERT AND STAY ALIVE

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TOWELS FOR TROOPERS

Brig Gen Willard Pearson, Commanding General, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, has received 500 towelettes from Mrs. Albert B. Blauwkamp, 4475 Van Buren, Hudsonville, Michigan, for the paratroopers of the 1st Brigade.

In a letter accompanying the gift, Mrs. Blauwkamp stated in part, "... perhaps these also could be used in the hospitals; we are sorry the boys and yourself have to be in Vietnam, but we are thankful that we have such a wonderful U.S. Army that is willing to do their part."

General Pearson indicated that the towelettes would be given to the Brigade Aid Station in accordance with the spirit of Mrs. Blauwkamp's letter.

1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION HONOR ROLL

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

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Major David H Hackworth	Hq/1/327
Capt Don C Chapman	Hq/1/327
Capt Curtis R Bowers	Hq/1/327
1/Lt James A Gardner	Hq/1/327
1/Lt Donald A Korman	H/2/320
1/Lt Jonathan R Tower	A/2/327
1/Lt Jerold L Andrews	C/2/327
1/Lt Kenneth R Eklund	C/2/327
1/Lt Paul D Hutchins	A/2/327
1/Lt Norman L Roberts	B/2/327
1/Lt Michael J Sierra	C/2/327
2/Lt Dennis R Foley	Hq/1/327
SFC Lawrence C Smith	Hq/1/327
SFC Philip J Belden	Hq/1/327
SFC William Martiff	C/2/327
SFC Eugene F Robinson	A/2/327
SSgt Bernard F Boone	A/2/327
SSgt August Rosa	B/2/327
SSgt David Clausius	C/2/327
SSgt Wendell Coursey	Hq/1/327
SSgt Joseph E Genereux	A/1/327
SSgt Woodrow W Ham	B/2/327
SSgt Robert L Calhoun	B/2/327
Sgt Paul O Haynes	B/1/327
Sgt Donald R Parker	A/2/327
Sgt Eldon L Baker	Hq/1/327
Sgt Edwin C Brock	Hq/1/327
Sgt Robert J D'Amour	A/2/327
Sgt Robert H Ward	Hq/2/327
Sgt Daniel K Sullivan	B/2/327
Sgt Charles Redding	C/2/327
Sgt Francis J Donavon	Hq/1/327
Sgt Homer J Greer	Hq/1/327
Sgt Dewey Walker	Hq/1/327
Sgt Harold J Marrietta	Hq/1/327
Sp/4 Montford A De Souza	Hq/1/327
Sp/4 Jurgen Pilz	Hq/1/327
Sp/4 Robert White	E/1/327
Sp/4 Ronald Batnick	Hq/1/327
Sp/4 Darryl Nunnely	Hq/1/327
PFC David L Broadhead	Hq/1/327
PFC Ward L Dull	C/2/327
PFC Willey N Jones	A/2/327
PFC Huges D Cadwell	Hq/2/327
PFC James Lilly	C/2/327
PFC Terry L Gray	Hq/1/327
PFC John F O'Shaughnessy	Hq/1/327
PFC Clifford L Mullen	A/2/327
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CHAPLAINS CORNER

"He saved others; himself he cannot save." Matthew 27:42.

The words of the above text were spoken in derision, yet it embodies a divine truth. Let us first note the glorious fact that "He saved others." He didn't come to heal the healthy, but the sick. Those who will look up through the eyes of faith will experience salvation from their sins.

Another truth of this verse is "Himself He cannot save". In its most literal sense it is false. Christ was not destitute of physical power. He escaped at Nazareth when the people sought to cast Him over the bow of the hill to His death. It was a voluntary sacrifice.

As a ship was nearing its harbor it was discovered to be in flames. Three hundred passengers were aboard. The captain asked for a volunteer to take the wheel. John Maynard accepted the responsibility. The brave captain commanded the ship and rendered all possible service to the distressed passengers.

But the flames with terrific heat came nearer to John Maynard. The captain yelled, "Can you hold out five minutes longer, John?" The brave volunteer answered "I'll try Sir".

Soon the curling flames and smoke threatened the total loss of ship and passengers. John's life was in imminent danger, but unless he held out all would be lost. Again the captain called out, "Can you hold out five minutes longer, John?" He replied, "By God's help I'll try Sir."

Finally the ship entered the port and 300 passengers were landed safely. But the enveloping flames now surrounded the courageous hero, and John Maynard perished in the blaze. "He saved others, but himself he could not save." Christ gave his life sacrificially and vicariously that we might be landed safely on the shores of eternity, saved by His wondrous grace.

A/5/27TH HAS NEW CO

Battery A, 5/27th Artillery received a new commander on 28 February 1966 when Captain Joseph H. Wolfenberger assumed command.

Captain Wolfenberger entered the service on 1 March 1955 shortly after graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a B.S. Degree

He arrived in Vietnam on 1 October 1965 with the 57th Artillery Group. He served as assistant S3 of that organization until assuming command of Battery A.



Valerie Ferrine enjoys the warm sun in Las Vegas.

LAND OF THE BIG PX

The phrase "The land of the big PX" may no longer be used when referring to the United States, as the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division PX offers a wide variety of goods at their new location.

The Main Exchange, managed by Captain Jesse H. Ruder, contains men's clothing, cameras, projectors, stereos, radios, glassware, cigarettes, candy, grocery items, and various sundry articles. The main building measures 80 X 120 feet and is one of the largest PX's in the country.

Adjacent to the Main Exchange is the Annex, which is 30 X 120 feet. It includes laundry, dry cleaning, barber, souvenir and tailor shops, a photo studio, and a refreshment bar. The annex is run by Vietnamese civilians, although they are under the direct supervision of the 1st Brigade.

According to Captain Ruder, the biggest problem thus far has been in the procurement of merchandise for sale in the PX. The nearest supply points are at Cam Ranh Bay and Saigon, and normally, one half of the EM employed at the PX are at these places on resupply runs.

Bigger and better things are being considered for the Brigade PX in the future and negotiations are being made to conclude these deals.

At present, the number of items you are allowed to purchase is being curtailed because of the non-availability; however, Captain Ruder stated that "Sales are limited only by procurement of merchandise."

DIPLOMATS AND WARRIORS ALL

ABOVE THE REST

"If he isn't fighting he's singing," said the 1st Battalion (Abn) 327th Infantry Tiger Force commander in describing Pfc Lester Thornton of Cushing, Tex.

Thornton arrived at the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division one month ago being deployed immediately with his new unit into action at the Battle of My Canh.

After the battle Lester took time out to compose a song. Thus far he has nine songs written about his various experiences and about his unit, the Tiger Force.

"Lester doesn't make a lot of money from his songs but he sure keeps the troops entertained," noted one of his comrades. "He's our own Barry Sadler."

STRIKE FORCE

Strike Force troopers of the 2nd Battalion (Abn) 502nd Infantry have taken to beating the Viet Cong at their own game by hoofbeats and rice rations. The rice ration supplement was found to be very effective in lightening the Infantryman's load. Enough rice for 2 or 3 men is carried in a PRG-25 battery bag and is sufficient to supplement approximately 2 wet rations per day for several days. The hoofbeats come from former VC pack horses captured by Company A, 502nd. The horses form a valuable "supply train" for Strike Force troopers carrying needed ammunition on combat operations.

SECOND TO NONE

During the past week the "We Aim To Kill" battalion has been searching the mountains in the Tuy Hoa area for alleged VC units. With the Hawk reconnaissance platoon leading the way, the 2nd Battalion 327th Infantry has discovered trenches, bunkers, but have had only minor contact with the enemy. But when the Hawks find the VC the battalion's aim will be straight for the kill.

ON THE WAY - WAIT

The 28th of February once again saw the 2nd Battalion 320th Artillery initiate extensive air-mobile operations from Tuy Hoa to Van Hoa. Batteries B and C were displaced by CH-47 (Chinook) aircraft. Though they took only their howitzers and radio vehicles, the batteries were constantly resupplied by the "Chinooks". This is another fine example of the cooperation that exists between artillery and aviation and units of the "Always First" Brigade.

UNITED WE STAND

Having welcomed a new Battalion Commander, Major Richard G. Hoffman, San Antonio, Tex., the men of the 5th Howitzer Battalion, 27th Artillery are continuing their support of the 47th ARVN Regiment and the GSCC.

During the period 26 - 28 February 1966, B/5/27th Arty fired 4 missions in support of the ARVN which resulted in 27 VC KIA (body count) and 3 VC KIA (estimated).

The battalion aid station personnel continued their weekly MEDCAP project at Dong Tauc village, treating a total of 62 patients.

ALWAYS THERE

Daily CV-2 flights between Tuy Hoa and Phan Rang to transport materials and troops is controlled by the Support Battalion Commander, Lt Col Phelps Womble.

Information concerning flight schedules and transportation can be obtained from the Movement Control section of the "Always There" Battalion.

WHEN ITS TOO TOUGH FOR THE REST CALL THE BEST

The Engineers are constantly busy sweeping mines and repairing roads during Operation Harrison.

17TH MULE

The past seven days have been spent performing a typical cavalry screening mission, north and west of Tuy Hoa, and securing B Battery 1/30 Artillery. The Cav also opened the road to Tuy An district headquarters; a feat which had not been accomplished in several years. The total "Charlies" bagged include 7 body count and 11 estimated.

ALWAYS FIRST

Brig Gen Pearson spoke to an assembly of Brigade Headquarters Company on 3 March concerning alertness of personnel guarding the Brigade CP. The clerks by day are performing the job of foxhole Infantrymen by night.

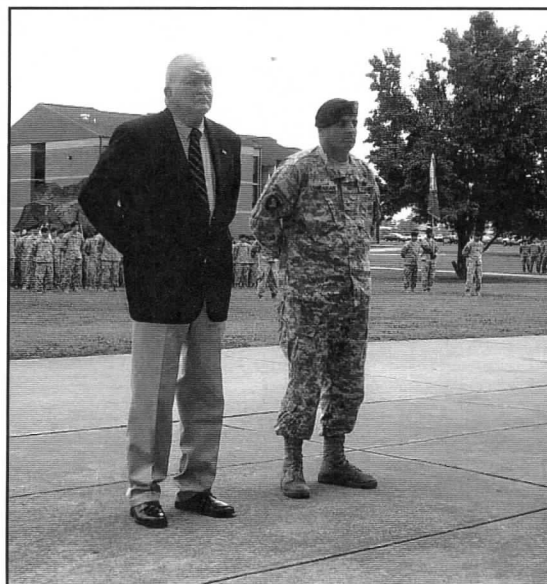
Honorary Colonel of the 502nd Infantry Regiment

+ JOHN D. MOONEYHAM, 2/502 A 4/66-5/67,
1546 Woodbrier, Sautee Nacoochee, GA 30571-5109,
(706) 878-7022 sent the following:

I don't know if it is too late, but I thought another individual was going to submit an article when I was designated Honorary Colonel of the 502 Regiment. Anyway, I was selected as the Honorary Colonel of the 502nd Infantry Brigade and installed during the Week of the Eagles in 2009. Pictured after the ceremony are (left to right) John Sutor, myself (holding the plaque), my oldest son, Scott, and Evan Francis. The little guy in the front is my grandson, Jonathan. John Sutor, Evan Francis and I served in A Company, 2-502nd in Vietnam in 1966-67. The plaque hangs in the headquarters of the 2nd (Strike) Brigade. Since that time, I participated in the case

closing ceremony when the brigade deployed to Afghanistan, several of the monthly remembrance ceremonies and I have visited several of the soldiers in Walter Reed Medical Center (WRMC), including the Brigade Sergeant Major (Smith), who was wounded by shrapnel, medevaced to Walter Reed and is recuperating at Fort Campbell. The other picture is of myself and Colonel Arthur Kandarian, the current Brigade Commander. I have some pictures of the hospital visits and will forward them via the Internet.

Sincerely,
John D. Mooneyham
Col (Ret), Honorary Colonel of the Regiment



OBITUARIES



Dave Blodgett
2/502 C 1966

Thursday, October 21, 2010 12:24 PM
From: sailorbud@comcast.net

Ivan,

I recently received an email from Claudia Blodgett, the wife of LTC (Ret.) Dave Blodgett, that Dave passed away on August 3, 2010. Dave was a platoon leader of the 2nd platoon, C 2/502nd in early 1966 and then with the battalion staff.

He was extremely well liked by those who served with him. I had the good fortune of having served twice with Dave in RVN. In '66 as a squad leader

while in the 2/502nd and again in '68 as a platoon leader and XO in C 1/503rd in the 173rd. If anyone wishes to send her a sympathy card the address is: 451 E. Broadway, Cape Vincent, NY 13618.

Ivan, was sorry, to hear about the passing of your wife. Please accept my condolences.

Best Regards,
Bud Yost

Richard A. Luttrell 2/327 A 3/67-3/68

ROCHESTER - Richard A. Luttrell, 62, of Rochester, Illinois, died at 1:45 pm, Saturday, November 6, 2010, at Memorial Medical Center. He was born September 6, 1948, in Springfield, IL to Donald E. and Wilma Jean Noyes Luttrell. He married Carole L. Jenkins on November 23, 1968, and she survives. Also surviving is a daughter, Christina (Partner Linda Davis) Luttrell of Springfield; two grandchildren Ashley (David Nossem) Schwien of Springfield and Brittany Schwien of Springfield; one great-grandchild Mahkayla; three sisters Rita Walker of Springfield, Barb Owens of Elba, AL and Janet Banning of Springfield; one brother Ed Luttrell of Springfield and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. His parents; one daughter Carole Michelle Mackanin and one brother Kenneth Luttrell preceded him in death.

Richard was a lifelong resident of the Springfield area and resided in Rochester the past 20 years. He was an avid skydiver, a member of the USPA (United States Parachute Association) with a pro-rating, and a member of the Midwest Parachute Club in Taylorville. Mr. Luttrell served in the Army during Vietnam '67-'68, in the 2/327 Separate, A Company, 101st Airborne Division. He was a lifetime member of the VFW 755 and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Association. Richard was an avid fisherman and a past member of the Sangamon County Interveterans Burial Detail. He was active with the fundraising and completion of the Vietnam Memorial at Oak Ridge Cemetery and traveled to Vietnam three times after the war ended. He appeared on Dateline in 2000. Richard retired from the State of Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, as a Public Information Officer in 2002. He also worked at the IDPA and Meadow Gold Dairy.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, with funeral services on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at Staab Funeral Home, Pastor Mark Gifford officiating. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery where military honors were conducted.

Memorials may be made to the 101st Airborne Division Association.

Published in The State Journal-Register on November 8, 2010.

Judith E. "Judy" (Dent) Wilson (1948 - 2010)

Judy Wilson, wife of James A. Wilson (2/327 B 9/66-8/67), passed away on Monday, October 11th, in Omaha, Nebraska, while traveling with her husband to a military reunion. Judy was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on March 28, 1948, the second daughter of Richard and Martha Dent.

She attended Bethlehem Lutheran elementary school and graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne and was active in the Concordia Alumni Association. Judy loved the outdoors, especially



water and sunlight, she was an avid water skier in her youth and more recently loved snorkeling in the waters around Maui. She loved mystery novels and her favorite TV show was "Murder She Wrote."

Judy was employed by the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles and worked for many years in the Lodi field office and retired from DMV headquarters in Sacramento as an office assistant in the Director's Office.

She had resided in Lodi since 1981, with her husband James Wilson and sons Jeff and Jon Wilson. Judy was a devoted wife and mother, whose life centered on family, neighborhood and friends, especially her special friend Elvis her Yorkie doggie.

She was blessed with a daughter-in-law, Maria, the wife of her youngest son Jon, and was looking forward to becoming a grandmother. Judy will be missed by all that knew and loved her in her Parkwest neighborhood, since building a home there in 1986.

Judy is survived by her older sister Sandra Dent of Decatur, Indiana, and her brothers Steve and Scott Dent, both of Fort Wayne, Indiana, her husband of 41 years James, her oldest son Jeffery of Lodi, her son Jon and daughter-in-law Maria of Pleasant Hill, CA.

Her Memorial Service was held Saturday, October 16th at 11:00 a.m. in the Evergreen Chapel at Cherokee Memorial Park in Lodi, with Pastor Wayne Folmer officiating. A reception was held in the Burgundy Hall at the Lodi Grape Pavillion following the memorial service, and friends and neighbors were welcomed and encouraged to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation, where Judy worked for a time as a volunteer.

Please sign the online registry and share memories at www.cherokeememorial.com. Cherokee Memorial Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Published in Lodi News from October 15 to October 22, 2010

Sunday, November 7, 2010
From: James Wilson
spider6b@comcast.net

Hi Ivan, I have been meaning to write and thank everyone in the Brigade for their thoughts, prayers and concern for my family, after the passing of my wife Judy at the Brigade Reunion in Omaha. It has been the most difficult time I have ever experienced, and one I know that you are personally familiar with. Judy and I were married for forty-one years, with two wonderful sons and thousands of cherished memories. I met Judy when I was a young buck sergeant going thru jumpmaster school at Fort Bragg in August of 1968. I was attending the jumpmaster course with a good friend whose wife and Judy had attended high school together in her hometown of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Judy had come down to visit her friend and was asked if she would like to meet a young soldier they knew and she agreed to come out to Saint Mere Eglise drop zone on the night of our graduation jump from the course and meet me. That was a very lucky day for me, as I was awarded the honor graduate award for that course class, met and later married Judy because of that most unusual blind date. Judy had a very special place in her heart for the soldiers of the First Brigade and their wives she had met along the way. Judy, like most of the women of the Brigade married to combat grunts, had to be part saint and part psychologist as they took on the tough assignment God had given them. Judy was a wonderful wife and mother, and without a doubt, the best friend I ever had. I will miss her forever, and as I mentioned at her memorial service, I met her at a military function and I lost her at a military function. Life has some ironic endings, and there has to be some meaning to it I guess. I have some special thanks to all our B/2/327 friends; they are some of the best people I have ever known. Kenny Claypoole and Ruth, Lou McDonald and Lista and Ray Millard, were able to attend her memorial service. I know she would have been very honored by your attendance, and Ray Millard's words about Judy was very comforting for the family. I heard somewhere once that you will never have friends again like the ones you had when you were twelve years old, I think the same can be said about your combat comrades, I am very honored to call you all friends and I know that Judy felt the same way.

Keep the faith and No Slack
Jim Wilson and family
(B/2/327 66-67)

(6) Anti-personnel and anti-tank mines are used extensively in VC operations. They may be of the crude homemade variety or they may be similar to those in the US inventory. When AT mines are employed, they are used exclusively on roads and trails capable of carrying vehicular traffic. The VC have not been known to mix AT and AP mines in their minefields. However, AP mines are employed on defensive terrain nearby so that personnel taking to the high ground to protect a disabled vehicle are then subjected to the AP mines and booby traps. AP mines are used to defend entrances to VC underground hiding places and along trails.

(7) AT mines are placed in hollowed-out places on bridges or in holes which have been dug in roads. In order to make the hole difficult to discover, the VC may scatter dirt across the road for several hundred meters or dig several dummy holes for deception or for mine employment at a later date. Water buffalo dung has also been used for camouflage. Shoulders along roads are often mined, and occasionally the VC tunnel in from the shoulders to plant electrically controlled mines directly in the center of the road. This latter practice permits "selective targeting" of vehicular traffic. On some occasions the VC have buried wire leading to a road, but have not emplaced a mine. When friendly troops failed to discover the wire, the VC then emplaced the mine and destroyed the next target of their choosing.

g. Miscellaneous Observations:

(1) The VC are very nonchalant in areas they believe are safe. They travel almost exclusively on trails, and security is very lax. When they know friendly units have moved into an area, they shift from the major trails to low terrain, stream beds, etc.

(2) Although the VC are accustomed to moving along trails at night and conducting well rehearsed night attacks or probes in familiar terrain, they are not experienced in night combat and are often surprised and confused when engaged unexpectedly by friendly forces at night.

(3) Typical signs of enemy presence are dead foliage which may be camouflage for a trap, tied down brush which may be a firing lane for a defensive or ambush position, and villages which have been recently abandoned by women and children.

(4) Enemy caches are usually at convenient locations, beside secondary trails, etc. Typical hiding places for VC equipment are rafters, thatched roofs, rice or rice bags, hay stacks, dung piles, and wells.

(5) Local guerrillas prefer to live in villages with their families at night. Movement of guerrillas out of villages at dawn and into villages at dark is a pattern in many areas.

(6) The VC attempt to locate distinguishing features of friendly forces when engaged. They will fire most often upon personnel distinguished by radio antennas or back packs, insignia of rank, or automatic weapons with bipods. They will concentrate fires upon anyone who appears to be giving commands.

(7) In preparation for an engagement, the VC will prestock the battle area and rally points with resupplies of ammunition, medical supplies and equipment.

(8) The VC often prepare covert mortar firing positions for use without a base plate. An angled (preaimed) cylindrical hole is dug at the mortar position. During the attack, the VC move forward to the hole, emplace the mortar tube, fire the desired number of rounds, and then hide the tube at another location, or withdraw with the tube.

(9) The VC often use a creeping pattern in support of ground attacks. In other words, the mortar rounds fall very closely in front of the advancing troops.

(10) The VC are experienced in breaching unobserved wire which has not been supplemented with detection devices.

(11) As an adjunct to their operations orders, the VC prepare elaborate plans to insure the recovery of dead, wounded, weapons, ammunition, and equipment from the battlefield.

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Same Mud, Same Blood: The Negro Soldier in Vietnam

"Same Mud, Same Blood," a close-up study of the Negro soldier in Vietnam, will be presented by NBC News in a one hour program Friday, 10 PM. NBC News correspondent Frank McGee, who spent a month with the 1st Platoon, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry of the 101st Airborne Brigade under combat conditions, will be reporter and writer on the program. Actual combat scenes of the platoon in action in enemy territory will be shown, as well as studies of Negro and white troops living together and fighting together.

"We went into Vietnam to get the answers to a number of questions," says McGee: "How well the Negro soldier has been accepted in the Army; what kind of fighting man he's making; what kind of personal relationships exists; what they think about racial agitation at home; whether service-born relationships change their attitudes; what they think of the war in Vietnam."



Frank McGee and Platoon Sgt. Lewis Larry

Asked if it wouldn't intimidate soldiers from being outspoken if their faces were shown and thus identified during their comments on controversial questions, McGee points out that most comments are done in the "voice-over" technique—that is, you hear the voice, but the picture is not of the speaker, but of things he is talking about.

"What we found in regard to race relations sounds too much," admits McGee, "but it just happens to be true. The soldiers are completely integrated on a very fundamental level. They fight together and they die together—the white soldier seems to be a generation ahead of the rest of American society in accepting the black man as equal.

"It was almost uncanny—when I asked the opinion of some of the men on the racial strife at home, the agitation and riots, the existing prejudice, they had to make a mental effort to understand what I was talking about."

McGee goes on to point out that about 20 per cent of active American troops in combat are Negro, half being noncommissioned officers, with an outstanding combat record. He explores just why many Negroes make the military service a life-time job; he finds that the Negro has gained the respect of those who serve under his command. He takes up the touchy matter of the disparity in casualties—the claim that Negro casualties are far higher, percentage wise, than white.

Further, McGee attempts to explore just what effect these strong bonds of solidarity and integrated relationships will have when the soldiers, black and white, return home. It is a question whose answer remains to be seen. Perhaps what has happened in Vietnam between races will make no difference. Or perhaps some of the folks at home will get the message. Hopefully, it will not take a holocaust to bring the point home.

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From the Hayward (California) Daily Review of November 26, 1967

TRAINING

1. General: The main areas which require training emphasis are the basic infantry tactical fundamentals. Although counter-insurgency involves varying techniques, the basic conventional principles which are standard training topics remain virtually unchanged.

2. Major Area of Emphasis:

a. Security in counterinsurgency warfare can never be lax. Troopers must constantly be on the alert for enemy movement and ambush. One alert trooper can prevent a battalion from walking into an ambush site. The solution to keeping troops alert is the leaders. A leader never relaxes. He checks, checks, checks....

b. Training Techniques:

(1) Leaders, at all levels, must be alert to common errors. Those errors must be corrected with the same precision and accuracy as on-the-spot corrections during dismounted drill. Every combat mission is a training vehicle as well as a patrol, assault, etc. Mistakes or deficiencies noted by leaders must be corrected during the battle when possible and certainly after the battle, to prevent reoccurrences. During periods of training the leader must develop the attitude that, "the more sweat on the training field, the less blood on the battlefield." The habits developed in training, good or bad, are the same habits which will be used in combat. Leaders must instill good habits in their troops to a point where even under the stress of battle they will do the right thing immediately and instinctively.

(2) All leaders must constantly emphasize individual and small unit training. Team work must be stressed; delivery of effective fire must become as automatic as rifle drill; and supply to the tactical unit must be as responsive in battle as it is in garrison.

3. Fundamentals: The basic difference between a proficient, crack unit and one that is mediocre is the attention paid to the details and fundamentals of marksmanship, fire and maneuver, camouflage and concealment, communications, maintenance, administration, and all the other arts and skills of warfare that contribute to success in combat. The leaders must constantly check personally to see that these fundamentals are followed. The following areas demand the immediate attention of all leaders:

a. Weaponry:

(1) Rifles jamming and misfiring: The bore and magazines of the rifle must be kept free of grit and mud. Weapons and magazines should be checked as frequently as possible.

(2) Leaders must assign sectors of fire, PDF's, FPL's, and must insure that each position has night firing stakes. These items must be personally assigned and subsequently verified. Leave nothing to chance.

(3) Fire discipline: Machine guns should be fired only at specific targets or areas in their assigned sectors. When a unit is probed, call indirect fire support (81mm, 4.2", and artillery) immediately, then use M-79's, M-16's (semi-automatic), grenades, machine guns, and finally M-16's fully automatic (on signal or order).

(4) Employment of machine guns: Whenever possible company commander and/or platoon leaders will select the gun sites; however, weapons squad leaders must also be capable of emplacing weapons. Additionally, the following items should be adhered to as they pertain to placement and employment of machine guns:

- (a) Provide maximum grazing fire across the company front.
- (b) Be mutually supporting.
- (c) Fire short bursts.
- (d) Fire only at profitable targets within the assigned sector.
- (e) Make accurate range cards.
- (f) When situation permits, gunners should pace distances and measure dead space.
- (g) Employ adequate security on gun at all times.
- (h) Use maximum number of trip flares and trip grenades within the assigned sector along routes of advance and defiles.

(5) Carry weapons at the ready. Weapons must be kept ready for immediate action. Troopers in the left file carry the weapons aimed at the left flank; troops in the right file aim to the right flank. When on combat missions carry the weapon at the ready at all times.

b. Tactics:

(1) Security during preparation of defensive positions: Fifty percent dig and the balance observe to the front. All crew served weapons will be manned. Leaders must specify who digs and who is on alert.

(2) Check trees for snipers. Treat every tree as if it held a sniper. Check it; don't wait for the sniper to shoot first.

(3) Take up firing positions during halts. When halted make sure troops assume prone or kneeling positions depending on terrain, making sure they stay alert.

(4) Troops bunching up: Avoid the "herd" instinct. During daylight five meters between troops is the rule in this Brigade. Close up at night, but let the available light dictate the distance between troops.

(5) Training in the execution of ambush patrols: Experience indicates that in several cases ambush patrols tripped the ambush too soon, allowing the VC to escape. Patience is a key virtue; wait until the enemy is in the killing zone - then hit hard.

(6) Estimate of the situation: A continuous estimate of the situation must be made. Situations change constantly; so should the leader's estimate. If the leader doesn't know he should say so - don't bluff; but then find out.

c. Fire support:

(1) Fire support plans: The fire plan must be precise to the most minute detail, and it must be known by those who will use it. Leaders should recommend likely areas for H&I fires or concentrations to the commander.

(2) Leaders must know how to call for and adjust Tactical Air and artillery fire. Leaders cannot afford to depend upon Forward Air Controllers or Forward Observers; they may not always be readily available.

d. Mines and booby traps:

(1) Familiarity with mines and booby traps: Training is the key to effectively countering these hazards. Train the troops to recognize, avoid, and report the locations.

(2) Employment of trip flares, trip devices and grenades: Use on logical routes of approach and insure squad leaders know how to set and disarm them.

(3) Use of Claymore mines: As a matter of standard procedure Claymore mines will be employed on likely avenues of approach and in conjunction with ambush patrols.

e. Communications:

(1) All platoon members must know the company radio frequency and call signs and must be familiar with the AN/PRC-25 and its operation. Any trooper may become a radio operator in the midst of a battle. Ignorance costs lives.

(2) Use a system to attract attention in the jungle. Units must specify the method to be used. A cricket type clicking device is useful. There has been too much yelling by leaders to contact their elements while moving through the jungle. Systems and devices don't just happen; they're prescribed and specified...by the leaders.

f. Miscellaneous:

(1) Digging in: Prolonged halts and occupation of positions involves digging. Prone shelters are required at a minimum. The longer you stay in one position the deeper you dig. Leaders check each hole, verifying sectors of fire and correctness of position.

(2) The trooper and his weapon: In this Brigade a trooper will never be more than arm's distance from his weapon.

(3) Reports: All reports must be made on time or ASAP and must include who, what, when, where, why and how.

(4) Inadequate field sanitation: Straddle trenches and "cat holes" must be used and covered. Feces draw flies, flies bring disease, disease renders your troops as ineffective as if struck by bullets.

(5) Care of the feet: Squad leaders must check their trooper's feet twice a day; medics check feet once a day. Each trooper must carry an extra pair of socks, keeping them dry by body heat when necessary. At first sign of immersion foot evacuate the man promptly.

(6) Mail: When mail is received in the field, burn after reading.

(7) Personal Items: Wallets, when carried, should contain ID card, Geneva Convention Card, Code of Conduct, 9 Rules Card, Roger's Standing Orders, The Enemy in Your Hands Card.

4. Patrol pointers:

- a. Rehearse.
- b. Take FO's.
- c. Try to get air cap (at least on call).
- d. Take interpreters.
- e. Plan every detail and make sure your patrol members know them.

5. Summary: Good training techniques breed battle proficiency. There is no sweatless solution, no magic formula to achieving and maintaining a high state of combat proficiency. Only by strict application of the basic principles will we continue to accomplish our mission to WIN IN VIETNAM!!

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Ivan Worrell, Editor

OPERATIONS

1. The Individual Soldier:

a. Health and Sanitation: Maintenance of personal health in Vietnam requires good habits of personal hygiene and strict adherence to rules and regulations. Preventive measures must be employed to avoid diseases which are prevalent in the area.

(1) Dysentery and Diarrhea: Caused by contaminated food and water. None of the local untreated water in Vietnam is safe for drinking. To make the water safe, always use two halazone tablets per canteen of water.

(2) Typhoid, Cholera and Hepatitis: Caused by contaminated food and water. Avoid eating any local raw vegetables, fruit or milk products. Be sure that all immunizations are up to date.

(3) Malaria: Caused by the bite of an infected mosquito. This disease can be fatal and the following precautions must be observed:

(a) The anti-malaria pill must be taken faithfully each Monday.

(b) When operating in dense jungle terrain, sleeves should be rolled down at night and trousers bloused.

(c) Use insect repellent freely.

(d) Use insecticides (aerosol bombs) in enclosed areas, especially sleeping areas.

(4) Immersion Foot: Caused by constant exposure to wet boots and socks, and can result in loss of feet or toes. To prevent this, dry feet at every opportunity and exercise the toes. Always carry an extra pair of dry socks and avoid sleeping in wet boots. Obtain a pair of rubber shower sandals. Wearing them for two hours each day helps in the prevention of immersion foot.

(5) Fungus: Common infection when operating in jungle terrain. The armpits, groin and feet are liable to infection and should be washed frequently and dried carefully. Use of foot powder in all areas is very helpful.

(6) Heat Casualties: After a period of time the body becomes adjusted to the heat of Vietnam. However, when operating in tactical situations during periods of intense heat, 8 - 10 canteens of water may be required per day. Food must be eaten regularly to maintain salt intake; salt tablets can be used to supplement this. Never take salt tablets without drinking water.

b. Handling of Firearms and Ammunition: One of the immediate

problems among newly arrived troops is the careless handling of ammunition and fire arms. Your presence in a combat zone is no excuse for irresponsibility and lack of normal safety precautions in handling weapons, grenades and other munitions. Several members of this Brigade have been killed, and many wounded by their own troops through negligence on the part of the individual and lack of supervision by responsible officers and non-commissioned officers. Know the Brigade and your own unit SOP for the handling of munitions and weapons, and comply strictly at all times.

c. Captured Weapons: Do not attempt to use captured weapons or equipment. They may be booby trapped or rigged to malfunction. On at least one occasion a VC prisoner led the American troops who had captured him to a hidden cache of US M-26 grenades. Examination of the grenades revealed that the fuse train had been altered to permit instantaneous detonation as soon as the spoon flew off. Any attempt by friendly forces to use these grenades would have resulted in injury or death. All captured weapons, munitions and equipment must be evacuated as expeditiously as possible; clear the battlefield of all enemy material.

d. Accurate Reporting: Too often, reports are submitted to the leader or commander as accurate and factual, without a thorough check to ensure they are facts. When there is uncertainty or doubt, say you don't know. Don't be afraid to admit your lack of knowledge. This is preferable to using your imagination to present an optimistic picture which has no basis in fact. Your reports are the basis on which commanders throughout the chain of command, including the Brigade Commander, make decisions to reinforce, deploy, call for additional air, artillery and helicopter lift. State facts. If you know them, and if you don't know them, say so; lives are at stake.

e. Tree Climbing Techniques: In some areas, placing Infantry and Artillery observers in trees can significantly improve overall observation. An expedient consisting of two short lengths of rope is an effective aid in tree climbing. One section is passed around the far side of the tree and held by hand. The second length is tied to each boot, leaving 12 - 20 inches of rope between the boots. By using the knees, a tree can be climbed easily.

f. Use of Buddy System: Two of the most common causes of friendly casualties are booby traps and snipers. The use of two man teams operating in the buddy system can reduce the occurrence of these incidents. One man should watch primarily for punji stakes and booby traps, while his buddy search the trees and the area to the front for snipers. This buddy system can also be extended to other activities, i.e., pass, swimming, etc. Never travel alone if it can be avoided.

2. Small Unit Tactics and Techniques:

a. Small Unit Leaders: Because of the extensive use made of patrol tactics, and the large number of semi-independent platoon and company missions performed by our units in Vietnam, the knowledge and skills of the small unit leader are more important than ever before. All squad/team leaders and other enlisted men in positions of responsibility such

as radio/telephone operators must be thoroughly familiar with the adjustment of artillery and mortar fire, and must be highly trained in cross-country navigation, map reading, use of field expedient antennas, ambush and counter-ambush techniques, and day and night patrolling to mention just a few. The success of an operation frequently depends entirely on how well the squads and platoons perform their assigned tasks. Leaders must be trained to a very high state, and then given combat missions commensurate with this training. Unit commanders who try to retain direct centralized control of their units in the jungled and mountainous terrain of Vietnam will not succeed as well as those who give mission type orders, and who allow their leaders to take action within the scope of that assigned mission.

b. Squad and Platoon Manuever: When a platoon is fired upon, the leader's immediate reaction should be to assess the situation, deploy his men, set up a base of fire, call for fire support and manuever to knock out resistance. Our battles with entrenched NVA units have shown that fire and movement at squad and platoon level remain the key to success in any fire fight. Leaders should not attempt to reduce resistance acting as a one man squad. Use your own mortars and supporting weapons, and if this doesn't work, call for artillery, and if this doesn't work, call for more artillery and Tactical Air.

c. Counter Sniper Action: One method which may be used to discourage snipers that have been "shadowing" and firing at friendly units is to systematically spray all likely places of concealment, including trees, with automatic fire at first light or after a halt. The process must be deliberate and controlled. Each squad and platoon should be given a sector, instead of firing at random. In addition to killing the enemy it will make him think twice before climbing a tree or advancing close enough to get a good shot at your unit.

d. Stay-Behind Forces: The VC frequently move out of an area when US Forces enter, only to return after the friendly unit has moved on, to reoccupy the area, or to search for discarded American equipment. Well camouflaged stay-behind forces have often been successful in ambushing these returning VC forces and inflicting casualties.

e. River Crossing: Rivers and streams with varying degrees of fordability are frequently encountered during operations in Vietnam. Each rifle company should carry at least two 120 foot lengths of nylon rope for the construction of one-and two-rope bridges to cross these obstacles. Every man should be trained in the methods and knots required to quickly erect and dismantle these bridges. Always insure that both banks are secure before crossing the main body.

f. Use of Illumination: Aircraft flares and mortar and artillery illumination must be used with care when in the defense. Untimely use of illumination or poor positioning of the flares in relation to friendly positions may expose these friendly positions as well as the enemy locations. The use of illumination should be employed only when necessary to repel a significant probe or attack. When using aircraft flares, special attention

should be paid to the period when one flare ship relieves another. A period of adjustment is usually required, and the enemy may take advantage of this moment to launch an attack or probe.

g. Disposition of Captured Rice: Whenever possible, captured rice is extracted and turned over to GVN officials for welfare purposes. On many occasions however, the tactical situation and/or the terrain will not permit extraction. The rice must then be destroyed to prevent recovery and use by the VC. Except on very small quantities of rice, the use of inflamables and incendiaries such as gasoline, WP grenades, thermite grenades, etc., is unsatisfactory. The best method we have found for destroying large quantities of rice is simply to expose it to the effects of water. This can be done by throwing it into a stream, a water-filled paddy, or in rainy weather, just spreading it on the ground. Demolitions can be used to scatter the rice quickly.

h. Caution Areas: Learn to notice and be especially cautious of the following:

- (1) Dead foliage. It may be old foliage over a trap.
- (2) Tied down brush. It may be a firing lane for an ambush site.
- (3) All civilians until they are properly indentified. The VC use women and children as porters, to smuggle arms, and to obtain information.
- (4) Villages when no children are visible. It may be an ambush.
- (5) Meats and fences around, and gates and entrances to villages. They may contain or conceal punji pits, mines and booby traps.
- (6) Booby traps in areas which you reoccupy. The VC may have anticipated your return.
- (7) Obvious by-passes at blown or damaged bridges. They may be mined.
- (8) Viet Cong propaganda boards and flags displayed in conspicuous locations. They are frequently booby trapped.

i. Automatic Fire: As a guide, leaders should consider the use of full automatic fire in the following circumstances:

- (1) All point men.
- (2) In the assault.
- (3) To gain fire superiority.
- (4) When ambushed.



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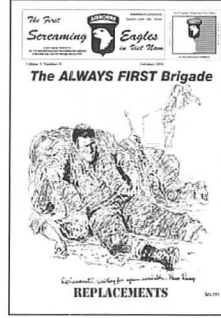
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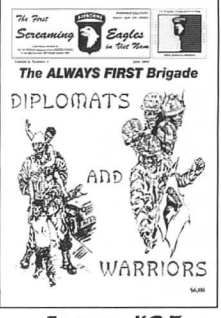
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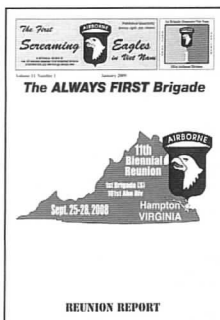
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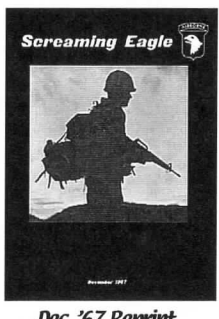
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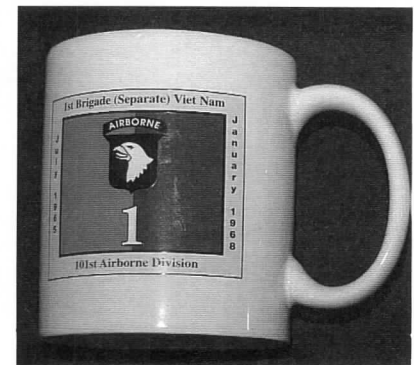
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