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THE 1ST BRIGADE (Separate) 101st AIRBORNE DIVISION
in Viet Nam from July 1965 through January 1968



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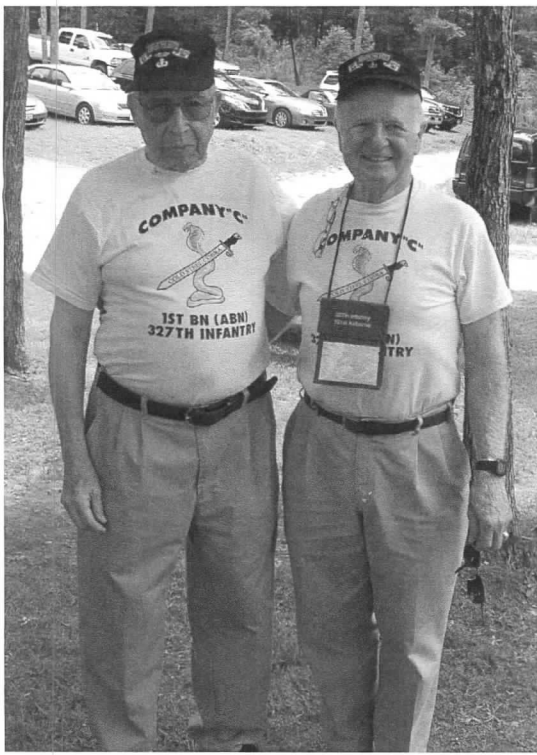
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(L to R) MAJ (R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67 and LTC (R) Allen C. De Graw 1/327 C 7/64-7/66 ELT, at the COBRA LAKE, C Company, 1st Battalion 327th Airborne Infantry Reunion near Crossville, Tennessee, in April 2011. Ivan was the first Company Commander of C Company, First Airborne Battle Group in 1956 - 57 when the 101st Airborne Division was reactivated and Allen was C Company Commander when the Brigade deployed to Viet Nam in 1965.

I hope each of you experienced a Very Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. For those of you who do not celebrate Christmas I hope you had a joyous holiday season.

I have, along with some subscribers, been experiencing some very unorthodox behavior by the United States Postal Service. Four self addressed return envelopes with subscription renewals and checks have arrived a few weeks after being mailed with a stamp saying "Missent to HO CHI MINH CITY." These were renewals from David "Doc" Nelms, 1/327 HHC T.F. Med 10/66-10/67 (see reproduction of his envelope); Angel Joe Delahaut, 2/502 C 11/65-7/67; Elwood R. (Duke)



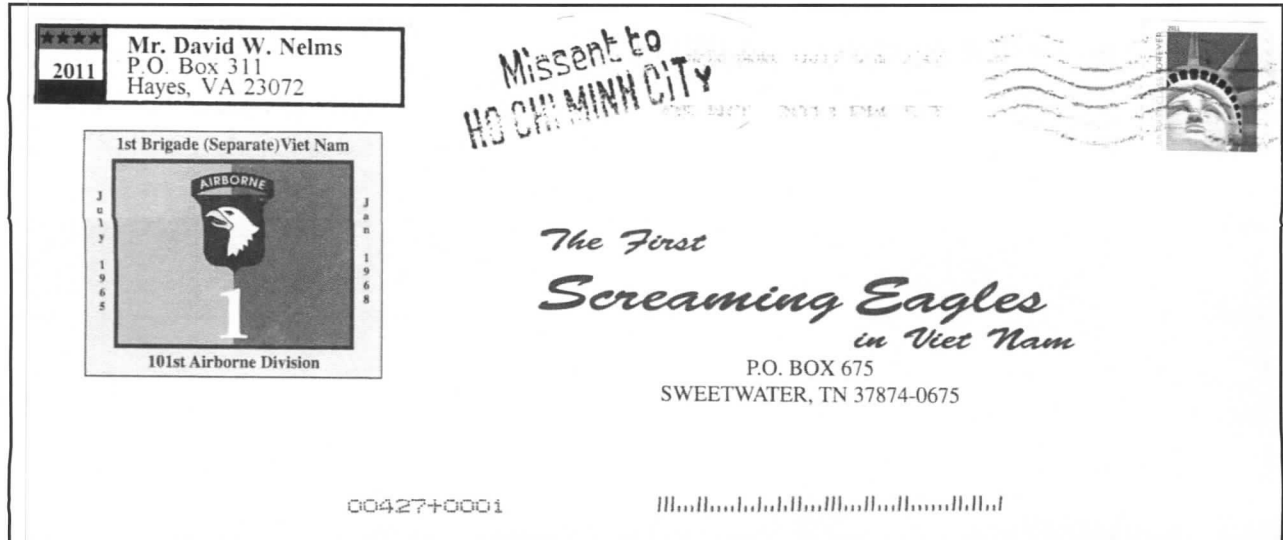
This magazine is produced by and for veterans of the ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE who served in the brigade from July 1965 through April 1968. The publication will chronicle the military history and accomplishments of veterans who served, as well as units that were assigned, attached or supported the brigade. 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).

Bernat, 2/327 B 2/67-2/68 and Arthur B. Macdonald, 2/327 C & HHC 7/66-8/67. An additional "Missent to HO CHI MINH CITY" envelope was mailed by COL (R) William A. Henry, 2/327 B 7/65-7/66, whose self addressed (to me) envelope was returned to him as "UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED UNABLE TO FORWARD." He did forward the envelope to me, unopened, and is now up-to-date with his subscription. I hope the U. S. Post Office in Saigon is not one of those slated to be closed.

I hope those of you who mailed your renewals late enough to arrive in Sweetwater after December 1, 2011, as well as those whose mail may be sent to Viet Nam and back will understand that all renewals received after December 1st will be listed in the April magazine. If you can correct the bad addresses listed, your help will be appreciated.

I would like to put together a listing of all those who served as Commanders and Leaders in the First Brigade (S) from July 1965 through January 1968. The lists by units should include Battalion Commanders, Company Commanders and Platoon Leaders and should include date of assignment and date replaced. I would also like to include Executive Officers, Staff Officers, Sergeants Major, First Sergeants, Platoon Sergeants and Staff Section Non Commissioned Officers. I wish to include all leaders. Let me know if you are willing to help with this project. Please check to see that your UNIT and DATES in the First Brigade (S) are correct in your magazine address block.



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into the brilliant turquoise Camranh Bay with its decks jammed with young American soldiers who shouted at soldiers on duty on the narrow pier: "Take a break. We're here."

The paratroopers moved from the pier, which is situated on a 19-mile peninsula jutting into the harbor, into landing craft that took them to the mainland.

From a helicopter circling overhead two distinguished former commanders of the 101st Division observed the brigade as it moved into assembly areas preparatory to setting up a defense perimeter around the Camranh Bay port area. They were Maxwell T. Taylor, retiring U.S. Ambassador who commanded the division during World War II, and Gen. William C. Westmoreland, who led it at Fort Campbell, Ky., from 1959 to 1961.

IN A CEREMONY at a special forces camp 10 miles northwest of Camranh Bay, Taylor told selected members of the brigade that they would find the Viet Cong "an enemy who is shrewd, well trained and with the guile of the American Indian during his best days."

The ambassador said that airborne troops were singularly well adapted to cope with the Viet Cong. He said that paratroopers with courage, speed of movement and deep patrolling would do well.

"If the times comes in battle," he added, "when the Viet Cong are pressing on you from all sides remember what was said at Bastogne when the division was surrounded by nine German divisions: 'They got us surrounded, the poor bastards.'"

Taylor found the ceremony an emotional one. At his side was his son, Capt. Thomas H. Taylor, who joined the 101st Division on July 19, and Sgt. Maj. Trinidad Prieto, who had served with him in the division from its jump into Normandy until the final assault on the Hitler redoubt at Berchtesgarden. The ceremony was Taylor's last official function as ambassador before leaving South Viet Nam today.

PUTTING his hand on the shoulder of his 30-year-old son, the ambassador said: "Captain Taylor is going to take over after today."

Young Taylor, who is assistant to the intelligence officer of the brigade, first volunteered for duty in Viet Nam in 1962 but was assigned here only this month.

The ambassador, who resigned for personal reasons, will be replaced in mid-August by Henry Cabot Lodge.

Colonel Timothy, the brigade commander, said his unit will begin digging into defense positions around Camranh Bay by dusk today. Last night the brigade was screened by the first battalion of the first division. Air and Naval gunfire support was also available on call.



—AP Wirephoto

101st Debarks In Viet Nam

By SEMOUR TOPPING
The New York Times News Service

CAMRANH BAY, South Viet Nam — A brigade task force of the United States 101st Airborne Division of Ft. Campbell, Ky., debarked at this port yesterday for combat duty against the Communist Viet Cong.

About 3,900 paratroopers, cheering and joking, went ashore at 2:33 p.m. from the U.S.S. General Leroy Eltinge after a 20-day voyage from Oakland, Calif. Two hours later, a detachment made a demonstration parachute jump with individual combat equipment.

Col. James S. Timothy, commander of the brigade, said its basic mission would be that of a "reserve reaction force capable of air mobile or parachute assault anywhere in the theater."

THE BRIGADE is equipped with 105 mm Howitzers but is lighter and more mobile than the 173rd Airborne Brigade which has already been in action against the Viet Cong. It will be based at Camranh Bay, which is being transformed into a major logistical center for U.S. forces in South Viet Nam. Camranh Bay is 180 miles northeast of Saigon.

Yesterday's landing brought the total of American servicemen in South Viet Nam to about 79,000. President Johnson announced Wednesday that the number would soon be increased to 125,000 with the arrival of the First Cavalry Division (Air Mobile), which is now at Fort Benning, Ga., as well as other units.

In a scene reminiscent of World War II, the gray-hulled General Leroy Eltinge slipped

Shades of World Wars I and II

SAIGON — In a scene typical of World Wars I and II, 11 troopers of the First Brigade of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division look to shore at pier in Cam Ranh Bay in South Viet Nam after their arrival.



29 July 1965 — Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor -- official arrival of the First Brigade 101st Airborne Division.



Westy et al on 29 July 65: arrive at Nha Trang. Ambassador Maxwell Taylor and General William Westmoreland flew from Saigon to Nha Trang to officially welcome the First Brigade (Separate), 101st Airborne Division.

All clips and photos sent by Tim Swain, HHC, S2 1965



2nd Lt. Timothy Swain II

A graduate of the University of Illinois and member of the Illinois Bar Association, 2nd Lt. Timothy W. Swain II is assigned to BCo., 2/502nd Inf. as Platoon Leader.

After completing his academic career at the University of Illinois Law School, Lt. Swain went on to Infantry Officers Basic Course on December 2, 1963. The new Lieutenant continued training with Ranger School and Jump School prior to coming to Fort Campbell.

Preceding his new assignment, he was Escort Officer for the Third Army Security Platoon.

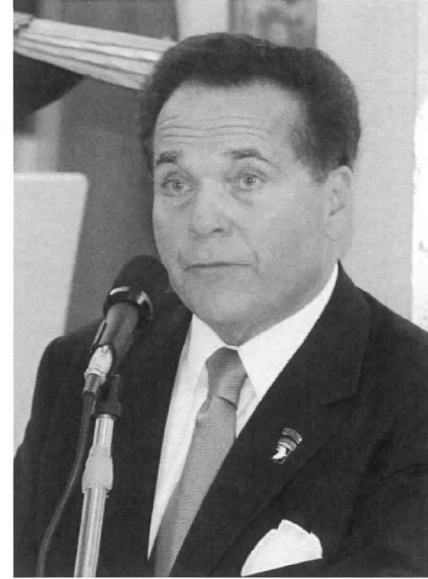


First Lieutenant Tim Swain

His military history started off with ROTC (Commissioned 1961 – Infantry) at the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana; A.B. degree 1961; J.D. 1963 U. of IL College of Law and admitted to Illinois Bar, 1963. Active duty 12/2/1963 to 11/30/1965. Fort Benning: IOBC; Ranger (Class 08-64); Airborne; from Fort Benning to Fort Campbell: B/2/502 Infantry (Airborne), 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Div; Hqs (S-1) 2/502; Hqs (S-2), 1st Brigade, 101st; Vietnam – Hqs, 1st Brigade (Separate), 101st Airborne (Assistant S-2); Task Force Hansen (1/327), 1st Bde, 101st Airborne.

Life Member #18 – 101st Airborne Division Association; United States Army Ranger Association – Life Member – Director, Central Region (13 states) 2004-2010; Candidate, President 2010.

Practicing lawyer since return from Vietnam to the present day.



Tim Swain, speaker at the Medal of Honor service honoring James A. Gardner (KIA 7 Feb 66).



A street in Qui Nhon. The banner above is in US and VN – often instigated by our Civil Affairs (S-5) personnel.



July 29, 1965 – 101st Welcome. S/Maj Prieto and a newsman.



THE ARMOR REPORTER

Volume I, No. 37 — Tan Son Nhut, — Vietnam — October 23, 1965

“Screaming Eagles” Rout VC

QUI NHON, (101st-10)— Soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division ran into an estimated VC company last week and killed 17 in a hard-fought battle. Other airborne troopers uncovered a large rice cache hidden under stacks of hay.

Two companies of Screaming Eagles were conducting a sweep 10 miles north and west of Qui Nhon when they received automatic weapons fire from two positions. Each of the positions contained an enemy force estimated at platoon size or larger.

The airborne soldiers immediately returned the fire, killing 17 Viet Cong. Continuing their advance, they took 10 prisoners. Friendly casualties were described as light.

Earlier in the operation, Company B, 327th Infantry seized 12 tons of rice hidden in fields and under stacks of hay. Covering food caches with hay is apparently a new VC trick, which the 101st had never before encountered.

Helicopters flown in to carry off the rice were driven away by hostile fire. The rice was later removed to the rear for distribution to the local populace.

The operation is continuing.



Major Marc Hansen, CO of “Task Force Hansen” (right), PFC Larson of 1st Inf who was with us (center) and MAJ Kinnard – Advisor to District Chief of Binh Dinh Province. This village was VC, so burned.



1/Lt Al Christensen, S-2 of 2/327. At airstrip at Dong Ba Thin on day Westy, Max and rest came up to welcome 101. 29 July 65

101st Helps Vietnamese Troops In Big Central Highland Fight



Col James S. Timothy, CO of 101st Airborne Brigade and Maj Marc Hansen, S-3 of Bde and CO "Task Force Hansen," conferring during an operation which results were nil. Got rice only.



Some 101 troopers with Task Force Hansen. (Notice dog in jeep)

Qui Nhon Battle Site

Saigon (AP) — U.S. forces have entered the fighting around Qui Nhon and killed 18 Viet Cong. U.S. paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Brigade from Fort Campbell, Ky., combed rice fields just north of the coastal city in central Viet Nam.

The Army's 1st Air Cavalry Division also was reported in action in the area.

It was the first direct entry of U.S. troops into the continuing fighting between the Vietnamese Army's 22nd Division and elements of four Communist regiments.

The Reds there have suffered heavy casualties in several maj-

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or battles in the last two weeks along Highway 1 and around the Phu Cu pass.

Meanwhile, the rest of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division began arriving in Viet Nam to swell the total number of American troops in the embattled country to more than 140,000.

The South Vietnamese Army claimed its forces killed 13 Viet Cong in one operation in Vinh Binh Province, but enemy action during the past 24 hours was reported sparse in comparison with the series of battalion-size attacks in the Mekong Delta and along the central coast earlier in the week.

The paratroopers operating north of Qui Nhon picked up 54 Viet Cong porters, all of them over military age, and 10 suspects. One led the Americans to 10 tons of hidden rice.

American casualties in the operation were light. No casualties were reported by the air cavalry troops.

U.S. and Vietnamese planes flew 198 sorties in South Viet Nam in the past 24 hours. More than half were in the 3rd Corps area surrounding Saigon.

The carrier Oriskany sent 16 Skyraider bombers on missions over North Viet Nam during the night. Army barracks 65 miles south of Hanoi were among the targets destroyed.

Other U.S. planes loosed 880,000 propaganda leaflets over

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U.S. Ground Troops in 4 Clashes With VC



U.S. paratroopers take two young girls in tow after they were captured in a Viet Cong training camp in the central highlands of Vietnam. The

girls, 17 and 14, told the Americans they had been in the camp for two and three months. (AP Radiophoto)

SAIGON (AP)—Four of the large U.S. ground units in Vietnam had run-ins with Viet Cong in the past 24 hours, a U.S. Army spokesman said Tuesday.

Viet Cong casualties Tuesday included five dead and 12 captured while the count of Viet Cong dead in a week-end action passed the 220 mark.

Elsewhere, a Vietnamese Army unit was ambushed and suffered heavy casualties, the spokesman added.

U.S. Marines, the 173d Airborne Brigade, the 101st "Screaming Eagles" paratroopers and a 1st Inf. Div. Patrol encountered enemy forces although the Viet Cong were not out in strength.

The 101st continued to find bodies from its weekend battle and the count of Viet Cong dead was officially put at 226. U.S. and Vietnamese forces continued to sweep the area. This action was near An Khe, about 250 miles north of Saigon.

Marines operating out of Da Nang killed two Viet Cong in an ambush, captured several rifles and considerable ammunition while suffering what authorities described as light casualties.

The 2d Brigade, 1st Inf. Div., killed one Viet Cong while on a patrol 12 miles north of Saigon.

The Viet Cong suffered one known killed and two wounded in an encounter with government forces 85 miles southwest of Saigon. Government casualties were described as light.

The 173d Airborne Brigade at Ben Cat, 40 miles north of Saigon, continued its patrolling of a formerly Viet Cong-controlled area and killed two Viet Cong Tuesday.

The 173d troopers also captured 12 suspected Viet Cong. They destroyed a ton of Viet Cong rice and 300 pounds of salt.

At the same time, the 173d planned to distribute U.S. foodstuffs to the people in Ben Cat.

The major reported setback Tuesday was the ambush of a Vietnamese company of about 200 to 250 men.

As the company passed through the village of Dai Loc in north-central Vietnam, Viet Cong troops kicked down the sides of huts and opened fire with automatic weapons at pointblank range.

The Viet Cong dressed in civilian clothing, also poured in 60mm and 81mm mortar fire and then surrounded the Vietnamese with more infantry.

Several U.S. Army armed helicopters flew in to aid the beleaguered unit and a U.S. adviser said the helicopters and some artillery fire proved effective.

He estimated that 40 Viet Cong were killed and 30 wounded. The Viet Cong withdrew in the face of the artillery and helicopter fire.



PFCs Larson - 1st Inf, Hoover and Dotty. On operation with Task Force Hansen.

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Rare Interview Establishes Viet Cong Is Disenchanted

Editor's Note—Reporters in Viet Nam seldom get to interview a Viet Cong defector before he is handed on to higher authorities for intelligence debriefings. Hugh Mulligan, hunting for stories near the Cambodian border, talked for nearly an hour with a North Vietnamese officer.

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN

GIA NGHIA, South Viet Nam (AP)—Dang Van Trong, a Viet Cong second lieutenant, came out of the jungles on a steaming hot day with a few dried beans clutched in his hand.

For him the war was over. He had had it.

Lt. Trong had been walking for three months and four days. An infiltrator from North Viet Nam, he left a staging area above the 17th Parallel with a platoon of 28 men. Only 18 were left. Ten had died in the past week, four of starvation.

That in statistical form was Trong's story. How much he held back or how much he invented can only be ascertained by trained intelligence teams.

Trong said his orders were to get his men to Zone D, a vast jungle area 100 miles wide and 60 miles deep. Government troops have penetrated only its fringes. The Viet Cong is suspected to be staging a massive troop buildup there with fresh units infiltrated from the North. But Trong, a North Vietnamese regular, never got there.

Instead, he slipped away from his men in the dense jungles of Quang Duc Province, somehow made his way to Route 14, walked into the nearest Montagnard village, and gave himself up.

Treated Kindly By Captors

He was given some beer and rice, which immediately made him sick, and was treated kindly by the raggedly uniformed popular force guards who man sandbagged outposts in the little hamlet.

The Montagnards passed Trong onto Gia Nghia, the province capital, where again he was treated kindly and taken to

the officers club for beer and rice, while waiting to be shipped on to corps headquarters at Pleiku for extensive questioning.

Although he never heard of the expression, Trong was treated as a "chieu hoi" — received with open arms, which is what the program means in Vietnamese. The government's chieu hoi is designed to encourage defectors.

When he surrendered Trong had on the traditional black pajamas of the Viet Cong fighter. In the compound at Gia Nghia, where he chatted amiably through an interpreter, he was dressed in garrison fatigues which he had carried in his rucksack. His captors had laundered them for him.

Trong had lost so much weight that the fatigue uniform hung loosely. His cheeks were deeply recessed, his eyes dull and hollow-looking and his arms thin and covered with leech bites. His sandals had been worn down at least a quarter of an inch.

Why had he decided to call it quits?

Hungry, Tired, Disenchanted

Trong was hungry and tired and disenchanted. He said he had been led to believe at least four-fifths of the people of South Viet Nam were friendly to the Communist cause. But he found himself walking for weeks without being allowed to talk with anyone, friendly or unfriendly.

Some observers of the war doubt there is such a thing as the so-called Ho Chi Minh Trail, the series of trails through Laos and Cambodia for infiltrating men and supplies into South Viet Nam.

Trong had never heard it called by that name, but he said he crossed the border into Laos three miles above the 17th Parallel, walked south through Laos and Cambodia, then crossed into South Viet Nam in Darlac Province.

There his real troubles began. His 28-man platoon was part of a force of more than 400 being infiltrated at that time, he said. He never saw any of the others, because each platoon moves separately through the jungles, and is passed from station to station.

Planes Pound Jungles

The stations, Trong said, were always two days apart. Each station knew where the unit was heading next, and so directed them, but never knew where they came from. The lieutenant found such security procedures strange in a country where he had been led to believe the Communists were overwhelmingly popular.

Air Force and Navy bombers have been pounding the jungles with air strikes for months to prevent Mass Communist infiltrations.

Trong never saw or heard an air strike during his three months in the jungles, but he knew they must be awesome because people operating the jungle stations spoke of them in terrifying terms.

The jungles abound in fresh fruits and wild edible plants, but the lieutenant's platoon found themselves slowly starving to death. After a lifetime of eating rice, the jungle food made them sick. Malaria and dysentery killed six of his men.

Trong used to hoard his few

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Rare Viet Interview

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handfuls of beans and dry rice to keep his men from trying to jump him and steal his fast dwindling supplies. The few beans he had when he walked out on Route 14 were all the food he had left. Like the others he dared not pluck a banana or a mango from a tree.

Ordered Not To Fight

The platoon was under orders never to fight. Their assignment was to get to Zone D and avoid contact with the enemy before getting there. They never dared shoot a deer or kill a lizard or snake to eat, lest government forces find their campfire or discover a carcass.

The lieutenant had gone north to join the Communist cause after the armistice with the French in 1954, but now he was 32, wiser and weary of war.

He spoke in an abstract way, as if no longer concerned him, about the island of Hainan in the Gulf of Tonkin. He had been told that 200,000 Chinese troops were waiting there to join the war. No one had told him that the U.S. 7th Fleet was in the gulf waiting for that possibility.

He spoke of a Hanoi factory where machine guns and mortars were stamped with Chinese markings as they came off the assembly line, so that people in the South would get the idea that China was supporting the war in a big way.

Finally, he spoke of the jungles where his friends had died and his cause had vanished, and he said he never wanted to see those dense rain forests again.



SOLDIERS OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIV. LEAD SOME OF THE 40 PRISONERS THEY CAPTURED DURING A RAID ON A VIET CONG VILLAGE ON THE CON RIVER. (UPI)

DAILY NEWS BRIEFS

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226 Communists Dead:

'Gibraltar' Over After Viet Cong Headquarters, Training Area Smashed

Task Force Alfa units put the finishing touches on Operation Gibraltar Tuesday afternoon after counting 226 Viet Cong bodies slain in the fierce battle near An Khe, 250 miles north of Saigon.

Elements of the U.S. Army's 101st Abn. Div., 1st Air Cav., and ARVN units set down into a virtual hornets' nest Saturday as helilifted forces landed in the middle of a Binh Dinh province communist headquarters and training center.

Heaviest fighting was reported Saturday night and Sunday according to U.S. military spokesmen, while Monday and Tuesday were spent in mopping up the area.

Ninety Viet Cong bodies were found in a trench Monday and 55 had been counted after initial fighting. Sixteen communist bodies were found in one area where they had been taken for first aid treat-

ment. The spokesmen said all of the dead men were bandaged and had apparently died of their wounds.

Elements of the 101st Abn. and Vietnamese Rangers sweeping the area made no contact as they discovered the remaining bodies and all allied troops were moved out of the area Tuesday afternoon.

U.S. and Vietnamese casualties in the operation were termed "light" by American military spokesmen.



Troopers, Copters Move Out

SAIGON — U.S. paratroopers and helicopters move out—in opposite directions — at the start of a search-and-destroy mission at Tuy Hoa, 250 miles north of Saigon. The 101st Airborne Brigade was starting Operation Harrison, the copters headed for their home base. Operation Harrison reported only sporadic contact with the enemy.

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Reprint of the December 1967 issue of THE SCREAMING EAGLE magazine that covers First Brigade (S) history from July 1965 through December 1967. See page 34 for order form.

THE HELPING HAND

CAM RANH BAY, Republic of Vietnam. By SFC Charles W. Curry.—
“Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity,” said Hippocrates. Army Doctor Charles R. Wermuth, Battalion Surgeon with the 101st Abn Div, is finding this opportunity.

The New Jersey Captain spends an hour every evening with the people of Ba Ngoi Village near the sun-baked jungle where the troopers of the 327th Infantry have set up their defenses on a huge engineering project here. On his first visit to the village, Capt. Wermuth looked at a group of children playing in the tiny schoolyard around the village chief's headquarters turned schoolroom and remarked, “Look at the children. They look so happy and healthy.” He was sure he wouldn't have many patients this day. After parking his jeep near the school and taking out his medical bag, he looked closer at the children and a look of compassion crossed his face. “These people really do need our help,” he said. “Just look at this pretty girl. She'll have to be operated on to remove these infected glands. There is nothing I can do for her now, but when we have our hospital, I'll remove them,” he promised.

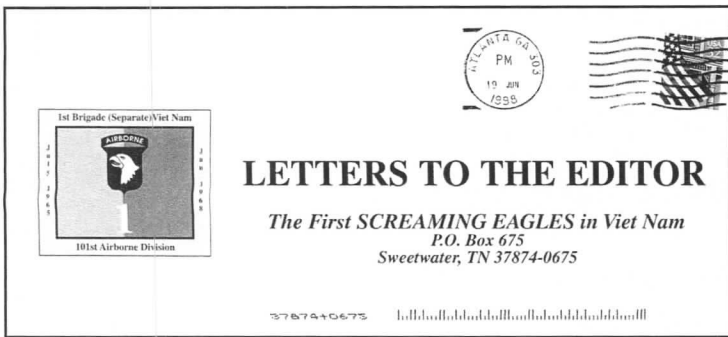
The doctor and his medical aidmen enjoyed their first contact with the local town people and the people were delighted with them. Open cuts and other minor injuries that would normally go unattended were cleaned and dressed. Injections of healing penicillin were given several children with respiratory ailments. One woman watched as a young medic washed her daughter's head which was infected with scabs covered by dirt.

Like the great bald eagle, a symbol of strength to the American people, the men with the “Screaming Eagle” on their shoulder are becoming a symbol of hope and happiness to the people of Ba Ngoi.”



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E-MAIL

Steve Vanmeter pictures

Friday, October 7, 2011
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Just got my October issue.... another great job! I was also interested in the last issue with your cover drawing and photo on the back -- of action on Operation Gibraltar. The battle is often over looked. Overshadowed by the well documented after action report, with subsequent book and movie, about (then LTC) Hal Moore's 1st Cav Battalion a few weeks later. Because the Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to the 2/502 and not to the 1st Brigade, it can be hard to find in the 1st Brigade or 101st Airborne Division list of awards. At least it was documented with pictures and reported by PFC Steve VanMeter and others. The news reached several papers and **Newsweek** magazine. It may be a little forgotten battle to most, but for all of us who were there it will never be forgotten. I was then 2LT Carter, Platoon Leader, 3rd Platoon, C Company, 2/502. I was only 24 years old but already with seven years in the Army. I was so very proud of my men that day. There are no medals, no articles, no awards enough to equal their spirit, discipline and bravery that day and days to follow. I just pray they all know that in their hearts.

Ivan, I am sure you knew PFC VanMeter well. He was with me on Gibraltar and gave me a picture of me moments after CPT Rawls and then 2LT Fox were killed. VanMeter also went on several other operations with me later. I guess he got out but stayed in country working for UPI. I tried to look him up later but I heard that he was killed while on assignment in RVN. Do you know anything about what happened to him? Do you have any more pictures that he took? Do you have any more pictures of Gibraltar?

Editor's Note: Glad you liked the magazine! I do not recall Steve VanMeter. I arrived in May 1966 and he may have rotated by then. I hope some of the readers will have something to add to your Operation Gibraltar memory.

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Ivan; Just finished reading the latest issue of the magazine, cover

to cover. As always super effort and a great read. Keep up the good work, it is appreciated.

Larry Redmond
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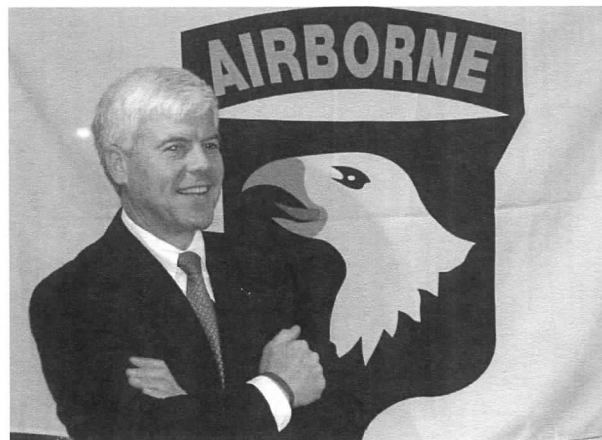
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3rd Herd,

I just read Doc Quinn's email today. I rarely view my aol emails, so for future contact please change my address to carl.d.frank@gmail.com. It was great to hear that Jay is still with us. I still remember that I was walking point on 3/21/68 and Jay's machine gun jammed so our squad halted and Turnbull lead his squad past us. By the time we started moving out Turnbull had been hit. We circled and I saw Turnbull down and as we advanced Lovedall and I were hit. My wound was minor in comparison to most, and if it hadn't been for Jay's machine gun jamming I would have probably been one of those lost that morning.

I am healthy and raising my grandson. He will be eight on Tuesday. I have a general contracting business and just received a contract with the VA to build a storage facility in Houston. My nephew is a Captain in the Marines and is recovering from an IED that cost him his left foot. He is recovering well. I hope all of you are healthy.

No Slack,
*Carl Frank



Editor's Note: I wrote asking for an address and phone number and Carl replied. Subscription material has been sent to him. I do not have his dates of service in the Brigade.

Ivan, Good to hear from you. I think some of the guys know that I co-founded a non-profit organization, www.FreedomIsNotFree.com, about five years ago to assist wounded military and their families. We have given out over \$800,000 in financial grants to families in 35 states. It is a lot more fun than the construction business.

Carl Frank

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+ LTC(R) Billy R. Robbins, 1/327 ABU 11/62-8/66, P. O. Box 1327, Sharpsburg, NC 27878-1327, (252) 382-2300 (cell) sent the following:

On 12 August, 2011, twenty-three veteran Abu paratroopers gathered at Abu Company, 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Ft. Campbell, Ky., to return a 55 year old photo album to the current Abu Company First Sergeant, 1SG Curtis S. Balance. (See photo October 2011 issue page five.)

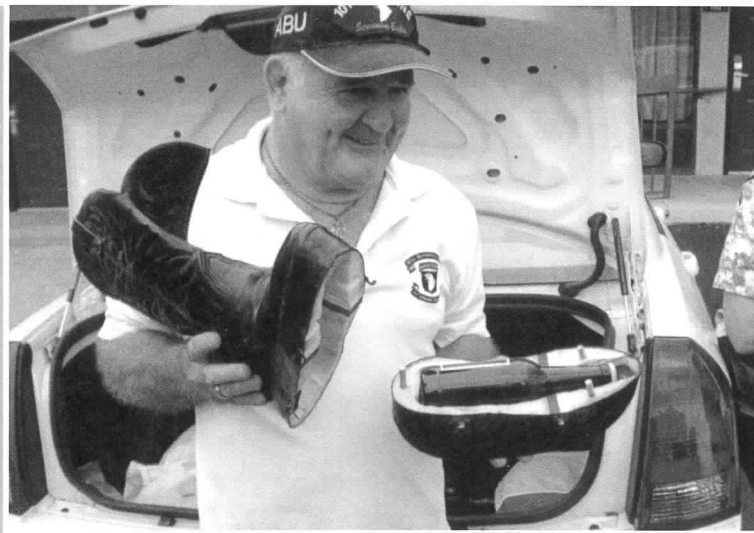
This group of Abu veterans also accompanied former Abu Company Commander, *George L. Shevlin (Aug 1965 – Dec 1965, South Viet Nam), as he presented an Abu Company Guidon (carried in combat during the South Viet Nam war) to the current Abu Company Commander, Captain John B. Walsh.



On 12 August, 2011, at Abu Company, 1-327, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Ft. Campbell, Ky., Captain John B. Walsh (left), current Abu Company Commander, receiving a Guidon (carried in combat in South Viet Nam) from former Abu Company Commander, *George L. Shevlin (Aug 65 – Dec 65).



+Raymond "Rocky" Ryan, 1/327 A 1/64-66 (WIA 65), and his magic (beer) boot. (See Next Column)



Abu veteran paratrooper, +Raymond "Rocky" Ryan and his magic beer boot. He always carries a spare.

Thank you. ABU! ABOVE THE REST! AIRBORNE!

+ JOHNNIE C. LINDSEY DMOR, 1/327 INF HHC & C 8/66-8/67, 992 Walker Lane, Texarkana, TX 75501-2163, work (903) 276-8344, home (903) 831-5951 sent the following with his subscription renewal. Just got my OCT issue of THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES IN VIETNAM and noticed that it was again time to fish or cut bait. So here is my check for another year. Was sorry to hear that we lost Sgm Mac and Little Ski Kornatowski since my last issue. I didn't know until now. Thanks for keeping us informed.

+ RONALD M. KOJA, 2/17 CAV A & 501 S&T-7/65-5/67, 6406 Virginia Ave., Parma, OH 44129-2624, along with his subscription renewal wrote: Congratulations Major on a job well done. Enclosed are two checks – one for a two-year subscription and the other for whatever. Your chose.

Your July 2011 magazine brought back a lot of memories. PFC Thompson was my hooch partner. For a couple of weeks I had the tent to myself. Captain Wagner (+Dale N. Wagner, 2/17 CAV A TRP 5/66-6/67) was the C.O. and Sgt Andrews (+Robert L. Andrews, 2/17 CAV A Trp 6/64-6/67) was my section Sergeant. We went after those guys who killed Thompson. That was no Cheu Hoi. We were told he was a spy for the National Police. We caught them sleeping. Sgt Andrews did an outstanding job.

I was proud of that patch. Keep up the good work.

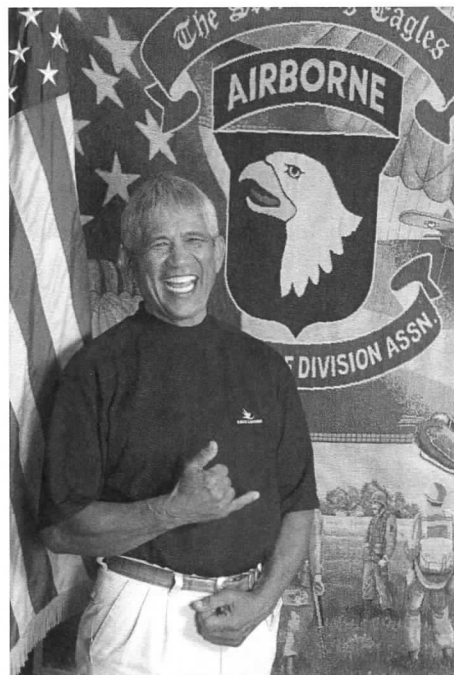
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P.S. I want to thank +Harold Mattson (1/327 A 5/56-3/67). He sent me his copy of OCT 2008, V. 10, #4. I'm in a picture – 3rd Platoon A Troop 2/17 CAV, page 15.

+ MAJ(R) WILLIAM E. GROVES, HHC (AG) 6/66-5/67, 576 Coast Oak Circle, Lawrenceville, GA 30046-6114, (770) 963-9947 sent the following with his subscription renewal. Ivan, since the label on the last edition shows (10/11) I guess you need to sign me up for another year. I keep looking for names from the Brigade Administrative/AG Section, but obviously not many have followed up or stayed in touch. Time does have its way of allowing people to just fade away. Keep up the good work on the publications, take care of yourself and may God Bless. A little extra to use wherever.



(L to R) +Douglas "Pineapple" Abran, 2/327 A 67-68, and *Vito Legari, 2/327 A 67-68 enjoy a "cool ?" drink at Duc Pho in July 1967



+Douglas "Pineapple" Abran, 2/327 A 67-68 at the Hampton reunion in 2008.

The following is from FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA by *Chaplain(COL-R) Curtis R. Bowers, 1/327 HQ 7/65-6/66, and is additional information about the photograph of the CH-47 Chinook sent by +James R. Van Lone, 1/327 C 3/64-7/66, published on page five in the October 2011 magazine.

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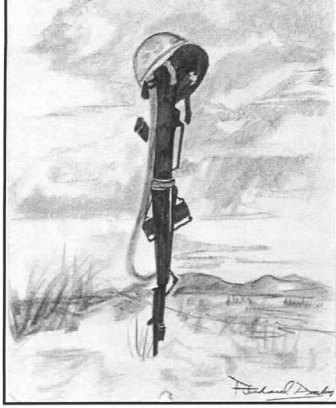
It was during this time that our brigade chaplain, a fine Catholic priest named Bill Barragy, was killed in a helicopter crash. He was flying in a Chinook chopper with about 25 other men. They were up close to the Cambodian border. At first we thought the crash was caused by ground fire, but it wasn't. It was a malfunction in the helicopter. The rotor blade bearing froze, causing the helicopter to rotate around the blades as it came crashing down to a fiery end. Upon hearing about it, I climbed in the command helicopter along with the battalion commander and flew over the crash site. There was a striking contrast between the dark green jungle and the white-hot fire from the burning magnesium.

A platoon of men cut their way through the jungle to see if there were any survivors. There were none. Twenty-five men along with Chaplain Barragy died. He was the first chaplain to be killed in Vietnam. Many others were to follow him. Needless to say, we missed this man very much in our brigade. Until a replacement came, the rest of us ministered to the Catholic men in his unit as best we could.

Editor's Note: I have seven copies of FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA in stock. The book is listed on the order form on page 34.

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OBITUARIES



*** Manuel Frank Staffiero, Sr.**
2/327 A 2/66-2/67

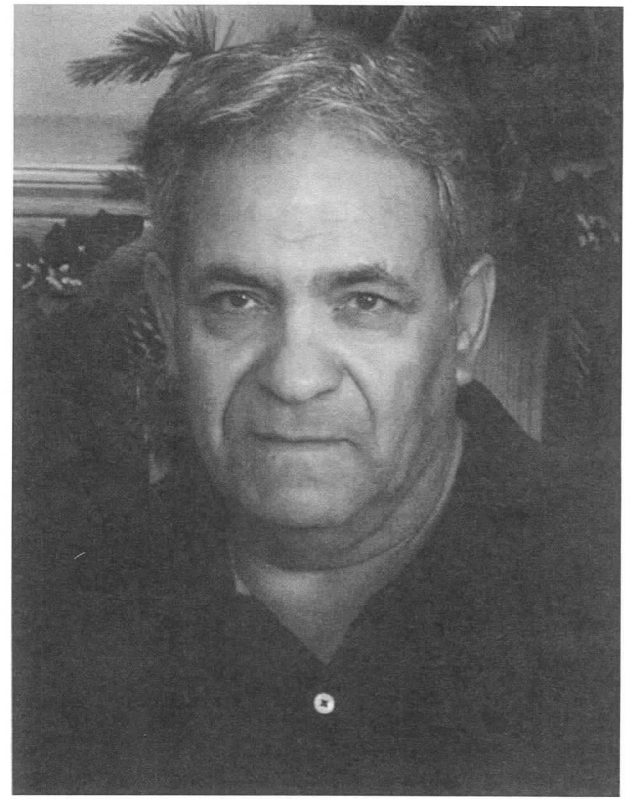
Manuel Frank Staffiero, Sr., 66, passed away peacefully with his family at his bedside September 7, 2011. He was born March 7, 1945, to his loving parents Balbina Heredia and Frank Staffiero. They both precede him in death along with his son Manuel Staffiero, Jr., and siblings: Norma Arviso, Guillermo Heredia; in-laws Bill Garcia, Ned and Mary Algien, Evelyn Rael and Ross Mondragon.

Manuel was raised in Yuma, Arizona. He served in the United States Army and fought in the Vietnam War. He married his loving wife Geraldine, they resided in Avondale, Colorado, where they owned and operated the Arapahoe Grocery and raised their beautiful family. A wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle, a patriot, a veteran, a UFCW member, an amazing human being! Thank you for giving so much. Your unconditional love and attention was a gift from God. We were blessed for having you in our lives. We always



Staff Sergeant Manuel Frank Staffiero

admired your personal story. A man, who fought in the Vietnam War, returned and continued to serve our great country. You were a testament that true patriotism is etched on the heart. We always enjoyed your conversation about politics and family. He was very proud of serving in the United States Army attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant and being in the 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles. He maintained his loyalty by attending several reunions with individuals in which he served in the Vietnam War. Manuel was known for his honesty and hard working ethic. Despite his



*** Manuel Frank Staffiero, Sr.**

retirement from Safeway as a meat cutter, he never said no to any odd job and was always willing to help someone out.

Manuel is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Geraldine; his daughters: Lisa Staffiero (Roland) and Tricia Staffiero; daughter-in-law, Kelly Staffiero; grandchildren and other relatives.

Services were held on the 12th of September, 2011, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial in St. Vrain Cemetery in Avondale, Colorado. Military Honors by The Pueblo Veterans Ritual Team.

Editor's Note: Supplement to Obituaries in the October 2011 issue page six.

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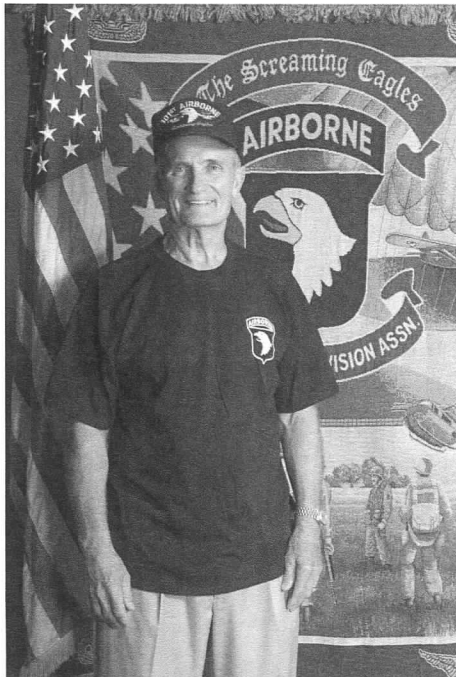
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Ivan, attached is a letter with renewal check, which I mailed today. Also, here is some info you might be interested in:

In May '66, a Huey with nine on board went down in the South China Sea within sight of land. An Eagle was killed. Though we tried to reach him, his body sank too fast in deep water and was not recovered, though usually the bodies floated up after a day or so, and local fishermen retrieved and buried them.

About a month ago his widow read an inscription I had written on <thewall-usa.com> about her husband. She got in touch with me and I was able to answer questions for her that had remained unanswered all these years. She provided me information about the official post-war unsuccessful search for his remains and from that it appeared to me that the search relied on bad coordinates and they looked in the wrong area. I passed that info on to the Past Conflict Repatriations Branch, at Fort Knox. I am waiting contact from them to discuss re-opening the recovery effort.



Chuck Payne
2/327 HHC & BDE HHC 12/65-11/66

I have also been contacted by families of other fallen Eagles with whom I served and about whom I wrote inscriptions on <thewall-usa.com>. In every case they deeply appreciated the personal inscriptions. I would encourage all our members to visit <thewall-usa.com> and write inscriptions about their brother Eagles who fell around them. Writing these inscriptions has been helpful to me as well as to the family members and friends of the fallen. I urge all of our First Brigade (S) veterans to do it.

Finally, + Lieutenant Colonel Mel Garten, CO 2/327, 65-66, is alive and well, though now in his nineties. WWII, Korea, Vietnam, CMH Nominee, holds DSC, 5 PHs and a host of other decorations for valor. Lost a leg to a land mine while manning a jeep mounted 50 cal. on a sweep north of Tuy Hoa. Was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Joe Wasco as Battalion CO. COL Garten is quite a remarkable old school paratrooper. If anyone who knew him would like to get in touch with him, write to me at <cpaynewin@cox.net>, with "MGarten in subject line.

Best regards, Chuck

Ivan,

Sorry I forgot to give you the name of the trooper we lost in the Huey crash at sea on 5 May 66. He was SFC Jack Dawes. I am forwarding a copy of his photo, which his wife Fran sent to me. I have also contacted *Dave Sablan, Jack's Plt Leader, whom I know thought a lot of SFC Dawes, asking him to provide info to you.

My reasons for calling this story to your attention are First, that Jack was an outstanding career soldier who had a sterling record, who was lost in the line of duty and he deserves to be recognized; Second, I want to drum up some support to encourage the Army Recovery and Repatriation Detachment to re-open the file and conduct a new search focusing on the villages around the correct coordinates, in hopes that Jack's body was recovered and buried by the locals.

All that said, however, I do not want to have anything published about Jack without the consent of Fran, which is why I am including her in this email message.

Fran, if you have not yet met Ivan, allow me to introduce the two of you now. Ivan is the Editor of the First Brigade (Separate) magazine, was a Brigade staff officer and I think his tour overlapped Jack's. Fran was Jack's wife and mother of his kids. To this day she has been committed to the cause of recovering our lost and missing warriors. She is a lovely and deeply patriotic lady who obviously still has a strong bond to Jack Dawes, and for whom I hold great respect.

From: Fran Kilgore
To: Charles Payne
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011
Subject: Photo

Hi Chuck,
I'm not having a lot of luck finding the Vietnam photos, there were not many of them. This is from Fort Ord between tours in Vietnam.
I'll keep looking.
Fran

Thursday, October 13, 2011

From: Fran Kilgore
fran58@hotmail.com
To: Charles Payne
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Ivan First Brigade 101 Magazine
firstbrigades101magazine@yahoo.com

Sorry, I forgot to mention. Yes, Ivan, please feel free to print anything you know to be true.
I appreciate your efforts.
Fran

Thursday, October 13, 2011
From: Fran Kilgore
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To: Charles Payne
cpaynewin@cox.net
Ivan Worrell
firstbrigades101magazine@yahoo.com

Hi Chuck & Ivan,

I'm in favor of anything that will keep people aware of the MIA and POW. I really appreciate your ongoing concern and attention. I haven't heard yet what the status is of our negotiations with the latest Vietnamese offer to help us more, the wheels of government move so slowly. I plan to attend another family conference in January. I haven't been notified yet where it will be but should be close to the West Coast. It was in Scottsdale, AZ last year so should be closer to me this year. They are held in different parts of the U.S. about ten times a year.

Meanwhile, I do the little things I can. A few months ago I noticed that the City of Fresno was flying the MIA/POW flag improperly over the Fresno Air Terminal. By act of Congress, no one is required to fly it but if they do, it flies second only to the American flag and never more than one size smaller. There are exceptions, i.e. flags of the Armed Services, etc. but never second to a state or city flag. When I saw that we were flying it fourth in Fresno I asked our Mayor to take care of it and she did. About ninety days ago when I noticed that California Gov. Brown was allowing it to be flown third over the State Capital I wrote an e-mail to him. I am assuming my message was not rec'd so I am getting ready to write a regular certified letter to him and get that one corrected. How can we expect the general population to respect a flag not given proper respect by government entities?

Thank you both for all that you do to keep the memory of these men alive.
Fran

Editor's Note: I believe the e-mail exchanges between Charles E. Payne, 2/327 HHC & BDE HHC 12/65-11/66, Fran Kilgore and me should be interesting to most of our readers. Feel free to contact Chuck or Fran if you were acquainted with SFC Jack Dawes.



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The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam

9 MAY 1966
**Iowa Chaplain
Among Copter
Crash Victims**

SAIGON (P)—A Roman Catholic chaplain Maj. William Barragy of Waterloo, Iowa, was one of 21 persons aboard a U.S. Army helicopter which crashed in heavy jungle about 110 miles northeast of Saigon last Wednesday night.

A military spokesman in Saigon said yesterday 21 bodies were found at the crash site, but that some were so badly burned that positive identification has not been made. The spokesman said that the chaplain, therefore, is officially listed as missing in action.

The helicopter, a CH47 Chinook, crashed about 20 miles west of Gia Nghia. It has not been determined whether enemy fire downed it or whether operational failure caused the crash. Initial reports said the craft burst into flames in the air.

Most of the passengers aboard the helicopter were soldiers who had just arrived in South Viet Nam from the United States and were being transported to battle for the first time.

Maj. Barragy was attached to the 101st Airborne Division.

Military records in Saigon list the death of only one other American chaplain in the Vietnamese conflict. He suffered a fatal heart attack last year.

Editor's Note: More on the crash of the CH47 in May of 1966.



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This edition of The Diplomat and Warrior was sent to me by CPT Barry Hana, HQ-PIO 3/67-3/68. It was processed using a copy from his unit newspaper collection which is bound in book. Those mentioned in this paper, who are in the First Brigade (S) database, are listed below.

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Darling, Escape With Me In My... What?... H-13??,
*Russell A. Maxson, HHC AVN 6/65-7/66.

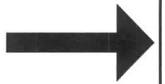
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Charlie 'Invites' Patrol To Lunch, *CSM(R) Roland Bob Barrett with a bad address in Fayetteville, North Carolina, is in the database with no unit attributed.

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BREAK TIME photograph, SFC (R) Sylvester Bowman, 2/327 B 6/66-4/67.

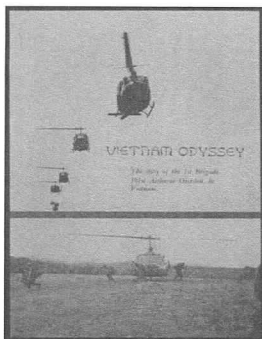
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months in Viet Nam, provided many of the photographs.

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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Two Decorated By Gen. Abrams

KHANH DUONG—The Army Vice Chief of Staff, General Creighton W. Abrams, visited the forward area base camp of the 1st Brigade recently for a briefing on Operation Summerall. He marked the occasion by presenting Silver Stars to two "Screaming Eagles"—Major Herbert E. Garcia, Oakland, Calif., and Platoon Sergeant Joel R. Wood, Highlands, Tex.

Major Garcia executive officer, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, was honored for action during a search and destroy mission on Sept. 3 near Tuy Hoa. While serving as a battalion commander, he ordered a sister company to come to the aid of another pinned down company. Observing the assault from his command helicopter, Major Garcia saw several elements being cut off from his main force and landed to direct effective air strikes and artillery fire.

Exposing himself to intense hostile fire while coordinating the fire of both companies, he moved up and down the front lines shouting instructions and encouragement to his men.

Sergeant Wood received the Silver Star for gallantry in action on June 9 near Dak To. While moving to aid a pinned down unit with his company, he was wounded by the initial burst of enemy fire. With disregard for his safety, Sergeant Wood pointed out positions for his men and shouted encouragement.

Wounded a second time, he took command of the platoon when the platoon leader was hit and directed a withdrawal to the company perimeter in the rear. Despite intense pain, he exposed himself continuously to enemy fire, moved severely wounded men to safety, directed effective artillery fire and organized the repulsion of enemy attacks.



"SCREAMING EAGLE" HERO—Captain Scott A. Graves, Seattle, Wash., received the Silver Star and Soldier's Medal recently for two heroic actions. He directed a successful search and destroy mission while wounded and saved a drowning soldier during a river crossing.
(US Army Photo by Sp4 Robert Lloyd)

Silver Star, Soldier's Medal To Spt Bn Capt

PHAN RANG—A "Screaming Eagle" captain received the Silver Star and the Soldier's Medal for two separate actions recently at the brigade base camp here.

Brigadier General S. H. Matheson, brigade commander, made the presentations to Captain Scott A. Graves, Seattle, Wash.

Capt. Graves received the Silver Star for heroism in combat on June 8, 1966 during a search and destroy operation near Dak To. While exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and automatic weapons fire, (then) Lieutenant Graves called in effective artillery fire within 40 yards of his position.

Although wounded, he continued to direct accurate supporting fire and aid his more seriously wounded men.

A month later, July 8, 1966, Capt. Graves again distinguished himself, but not in combat with the enemy. While his unit was crossing a river near Dak To, the bridge gave way and two men fell into the turbulent waters. Capt. Graves stripped off his equipment and jumped into the river after one of the soldiers. The weight of the man's equipment prevented him from maneuvering and forced him below. Capt. Graves held the man's head above the churning water and pulled the trooper to safety after being swept 100 yards downstream.

Change Over In 2d Bn, 320th Arty

PHAN RANG—In a change of command and awards ceremony at the 1st Brigade recently, Lieutenant Colonel Andrew S. Bolcar, Knoxville, Tenn., assumed command of the 2d Battalion, 320th (Airborne) Artillery.

Lieutenant Colonel William R. Madden Jr., Clinton, S.C., former battalion commander, rotates with four decorations. The presentations were made by Brigadier General S.H. Matheson, commanding general.

Colonel Madden received a Bronze Star for operations Feb. 22. While on a routine mission, he spotted some Viet Cong in the open and ordered his OH13 helicopter to land. The spontaneous action resulted in one VC killed and captured enemy weapons.

Colonel Bolcar formerly was an adviser to the Republic of Korea Field Command at Nha Trang before joining the brigade. He is a veteran of the Korean conflict and has been awarded two Air Medals, two Army Commendation medals and a Purple Heart.

'23 SKIDOO'

Darling, Escape With Me In My... What?... H-13??

KHANH DUONG—Shades of Rudolph Valentino. Viet Nam bears little similarity to the Sahara Desert of the Valentino legend, but recently a young Viet Cong maiden was whisked away by an H-13 helicopter pilot in the best tradition of the famed Latin lover. But this time he had a right hand man.

Warrant Officer Russel A. Maxson, Du Bois, Wyo., and Specialist Five Len Abata, Camden, N.J., began the day on a visual reconnaissance

flight looking for Viet Cong in preparation for Operation Summerall. Spot and kill two enemy soldiers they did, but like the desert sheik they also captured a girl.

During the flight for the brigade the two men spotted khaki-clad figures crossing an open field. Circling the area at 100 feet, WO Maxson shunned the Valentino sword, but his specially-mounted M-60 machine guns jammed. Then Specialist Abata, a member of the Long Range

Reconnaissance Platoon picked up his M-16 rifle and fired, killing one enemy soldier and scattering the rest.

On a low pass, WO Maxson noticed the girl and decided to land, capture her and collect some of the discarded enemy equipment. Upon landing, he finished a fleeing enemy soldier with his .45 caliber pistol and watched a wounded Viet Cong escape.

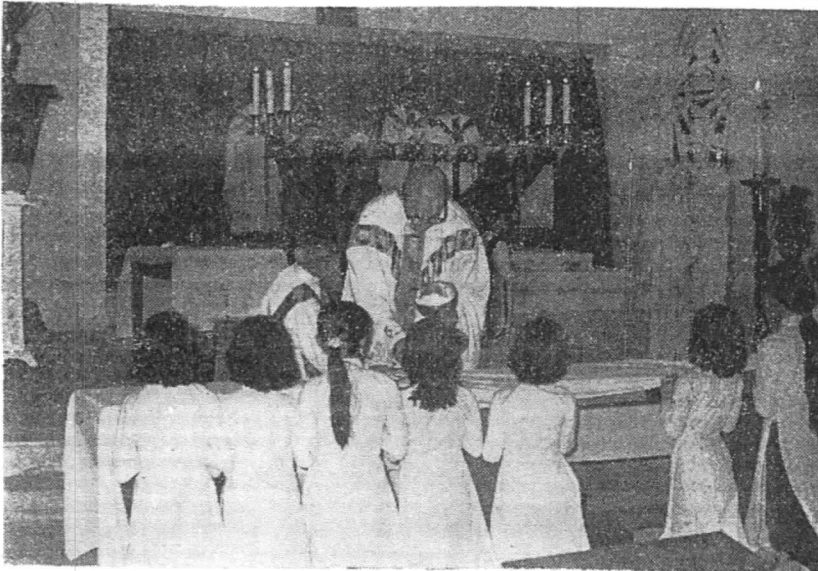
"Five holes in him and still he was running," WO

Maxson said of the wounded man who got away.

Specialist Abata, in the meantime, had grabbed the girl and forced her into the helicopter.

The girl resisted until she realized they were in the air. Then she settled peacefully between the two men in the two-seated helicopter.

But the two heroes were to be foiled. Unlike Valentino, they couldn't keep the girl. She quickly became property of Military Intelligence.



CHAPLAIN CAPTAIN ROBERT A. TORR, Cleveland, Ohio, gives Easter Communion to Vietnamese children during Midnight Mass in the Catholic Church here. The 1st Brigade chaplain participated in the special services at the invitation of the Vietnamese parish priest. (US Army Photo by 1LT Arthur D. Barnett)

'Legs Of The Eagle' Support 1st Brigade

By Sp4 William P. Singley

KHANH DUONG— Legs are designed to support everything from table tops to lovely female torsos and the 1st Brigade also has a "leg" unit which provides good support — Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery.

A "leg" is a paratrooper's designation for a soldier who has never undergone jump training or parachuted. Seldom are "leg" units attached to airborne outfits, but in the case of the 155mm howitzers provided by Battery B, the "Screaming Eagles" couldn't be more pleased.

Attached since December 1965, the men of Battery B consider themselves an integral part of the 1st Brigade. Their official home is Qui Nhon with the 30th Artillery,

but realistically home is where the mobile "Screaming Eagles" pitch camp.

Corporal Elmor E. Hoover, Green City, Mo., recently won a case of beer for suggesting the best "nom de plume" for Battery B. A "leg" unit serving with the 101st Airborne Division could have no other nickname than "Legs of the Eagle," thought Corporal Hoover.

More than once Battery B has aided besieged paratroopers. In June at Dak To, they moved out at 3 a.m. to place effective fire on enemy forces in position to overrun the 2d Battalion, 320th Artillery (Airborne). During the New Year's truce at Kontum, they fired continuously for two days in support of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry.

Battery B has fired more than 35,000 rounds since joining the 1st Brigade. Because the range of the 155mm howitzers is greater than the 105's of the "Screaming Eagles," the "leg" artillery has provided greater firepower and flexibility to the paratroopers.

Being attached to the airborne unit doesn't bother the non-jumpers. Sergeant Michael A. Pruzinsky, Warren Mich., who has spent spent 17 months with Battery B, "wouldn't be attached to any other unit."

While the "Screaming Eagles" enjoy the legs attached to female torsos, they're also proud to have such potent artillery "legs" to count on.

'Above The Rest'

'Stine' Knives Become SOP In Wpns Platoon

PHAN RANG, (1/327-10)—Some members of the Weapons Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry have a new addition to their arsenal of arms — an eight-inch stainless steel knife.

The knives are not government issue, but a product of the home workshop of a "Screaming Eagle" father back in the Unites States.

Sergeant Gordon Stine, Fountain Town, Ind., started the supply when he wrote home asking his father for a knife. Instead of buying one, his father fashioned a heavy, solid steel handle, a small hand guard and eight inches of stainless steel blade. The knife was sent in a durable sheath made from a flat pulley belt, stitched with copper rivets and adapted to fit the military pistol belt.

When other members of

Sergeant Stine's squad saw the durable knife outlasting its factory-made counterparts, they asked for one. An order quickly went out to the Stine workshop and 11 more were shipped over. The sturdy Stine creation can't win a beauty contest, but it does serve as a utility knife and a vicious hand-to-hand weapon.

Of the original 12 knives, 10 are left. Should a man be evacuated or complete his tour, his knife is given to the next paratrooper in line.

Long after Sgt. Stine completes his tour, the Stine knives will be serving the men of the squad.

New Member For 'Clean' Club

PHAN RANG—The "Eagle Washing Machine Club" of the brigade Civil Affairs Section has another member.

The Dieu An Charity Boarding School in Phan Rang is the latest recipient of an "Eagle Washing Machine," the eleventh such donation by the brigade.

The hand-operated washer was presented to the school by First Lieutenant Robert K. Wood, Ardmore, Pa., whose team is attached to the brigade from the 41st Civil Affairs Company.

Lieutenant Wood also demonstrated how to use the washer and later, in a ceremony of appreciation, he and his interpreter drank tea with three Buddhist nuns who operate the school.

The school presently has 80 students from four to ten years old who are learning how to be useful citizens in a modern Viet Nam.

The "Eagle Washing Machine Club" originated last year when the brigade contracted with a Vietnamese firm in Tuy Hoa for 13 of the machines. Ten washers were distributed in the Tuy Hoa area at that time.

The machines, two of which are still with the brigade, cost 6,000 piasters (approximately \$37.00) and are eliminating some of those "washday" problems for the institutions they have been given.

Charlie 'Invites' Patrol To Lunch

KHANH DUONG — Another hot, hard day of looking for "Charlie" was coming to a close for the men of the 2d Platoon, Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry.

Led by First Lieutenant Gerald L. Morey, Miami, and Sergeant First Class Roy E. Shelnut, Fayetteville, N.C., the men had been patrolling near the banks of the Krong-Hin River during a search and clear mission kicking off Operation Summerall for the 1st Brigade.

Nothing unusual had happened and the men were looking forward to a few moments rest.

Suddenly, Charlie seemed to be inviting them to dinner. Enemy conversation was heard to the right of the trail near a creek where two enemy soldiers were gathering water for their evening meal.

The patrol halted and moved cautiously toward the sound. Halfway to the creek the conversation stopped. When the men of the 2d Platoon, reached the creek, the enemy troops were scurrying up a nearby hill to announce the "unexpected" company to their main force.

Minutes behind were Staff Sergeant James Bailey, Rock Hill, S.C., Sergeant Ronald Barrett, New Orleans, and Private First Class James Triplett, Roanoke, Va., determined not to have the door slammed in their faces.

They politely knocked with M-16 rifle fire, but Charlie decided to be a poor host

and stop out for a moment.

But unlike Mother Hubbard's cubbard, the enemy hooch had food. Enough food for an estimated five troops lay abandoned. Charlie had forgotten to fill his "doggy bags."

The three "Screaming Eagles" in the lead returned to the rest of the platoon munching potato-like roots found in the enemy's camp.

"Heat them up and they're as good as sweet potatoes," said Sergeant Bailey.

Charlie, the rude fellow, forgot the rule of good etiquette. One never lets guests dine alone.

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23% Extend To Stay In Tiger Force

Phan Rang (1/327 IO) — There's a fantastic "Reup" program going on in the Tiger Force of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry. Presently 23 per cent of the Tigers are serving their extensions or have submitted their extension requests.

The high extension rate is amazing since the Tigers have a hard and dangerous mission — meeting Charlie at close range. Most Tigers enjoy this more clandestine style of operations, feeling they can move faster to contact the elusive enemy.

During Phase One of Operation Geronimo I in early November, two Tiger teams made separate contacts with the Viet Cong. In one action a team sneaked up undetected on a group of VC. Using only hand grenades, the team killed three VC and captured five weapons.

In the second action, another team made contact with three VC, resulting in three dead Charlies and captured documents, medical supplies and equipment.

Those Tigers extending for six months want to meet the Viet Cong face to face, making their teams some of the best in the "Above the Rest" battalion.



OFFICIAL VISIT—General Creighton W. Abrams, Army Vice Chief of Staff, shakes hands with Private First Class Clarence D. Allen, Jackson, Mich., during a visit to the 1st Brigade's Battery B 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 320th Artillery. (US Army Photo by 1LT Arthur D. Barnett)

Two Artillerymen Baptized Easter Day

PHAN RANG — Easter of 1967 is a day to be remembered by two "Screaming Eagles" of the Brigade. That's when they were baptized in a Vietnamese Catholic church.

Specialist Four David A. Brocki, Muncie, Ind., of Headquarters Company and Private First Class John L. Conklin, Azusa, Calif., of A Battery, 2d Battalion, 320th (Airborne) Artillery, received the sacrament during Midnight Mass, while 50 paratroopers and 800 Vietnamese served as witnesses.

Chaplain (Captain) Roland R. Torer, Cleveland, Ohio, performed the ceremony with

the assistance of the Vietnamese priests, who invited him to participate in the Easter services.

The ceremony was highlighted by a candlelight procession and mass communion with Father (Dong) Dominic, who also is principal of the Catholic high school, administering the sacrament to the guest paratroopers and Father Torer serving the Vietnamese.

Bde Completes 7th, 8th 'Ambush-Free' Convoys

Khanh Duong—The 1st Brigade completed its seventh and eighth consecutive ambush-free convoys of the year recently, kicking off Operation Summerall.

The "Screaming Eagles" traveled to Khanh Duong in Khanh Hoa Province in a three-phase movement — a battalion-size convoy from Tuy Hoa, a multi-battalion convoy from the rear base camp at Phan Rang and an airlift from Phan Rang.

The convoy from Tuy Hoa more than doubled in size as additional units were picked up along the way and phased into the march order, bringing the total number of vehicles to 166.

The larger convoy from Phan Rang totaled 248 vehicles, traveled 110 miles and took a day and a half to reach the forward area base camp. The convoy stopped overnight within the 9th Republic of Korea (ROK) Capital Division's perimeter at Ninh Hoa.

To keep the move unknown to the enemy in the province, the main convoy rendezvoused at Duc My with a 1st Logistical Command convoy from Cam Ranh Bay and the men and supplies arrived at Khanh Duong together.

The final phase of the move was an airlift from the rear base camp at Phan Rang. Carried to the forward area by C-130 aircraft was a multi-battalion force including support elements. Forty-two

sorties were flown in support.

For the first week of Operation Summerall, the "Screaming Eagles" ran a daily convoy to Cam Ranh and Naa Trang to continue building the brigade's supply base, bringing the amount of supplies moved by road to 95 per cent. The 2d Squadron, 17 Cavalry secured the road from Khanh Duong to Duc My to the coastal port cities that have been cleared for some time by the 9th ROK Capital Division.

Daily airlifts continue to bring in fuel, equipment and "luxuries" such as mail and ice.

The first three major ambush-free convoys this year were from Kontum to Qui Nhon, Kontum to Phan Rang and Tuy Hoa to Phan Rang following Operation Pickett. Others were from Phan Rang to Song Mao, Phan Thiet to Song Mao and Song Mao to Phan Rang during Operation Farragut.

The eight ambush-free convoys this year add to the perfect record of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

No major convoy of the unit has been ambushed since the "Screaming Eagles" arrived in Viet Nam in 1965.



BREAK TIME — After cutting his way through thick jungle on a search and destroy mission all day, SSgt. Sylvester Bowman, Philadelphia, Pa. takes a few moments out for rest during opening phases of Operation Summerall. The operation, which began March 30, sent brigade troopers into the central highlands of Khanh Hoa Province to search out the enemy. (U.S. Army Photo)

Good Intentions Not Always Best

PHAN RANG—Recently USARV reported an eight-year-old Vietnamese child was struck and killed by a vehicle when he ran into the road to pick up candy and gum thrown by U.S. military personnel from a moving vehicle.

In addition to creating a traffic hazard by encouraging children to stand by the roadside begging, distributing candy or anything else of value in this manner is considered by the Vietnamese people to be extremely degrading. Ill will is created by well meaning soldiers who thoughtlessly throw candy to children or reward their begging with gifts. The Vietnamese parent regrets circumstances which cause his children to become beggars and endanger their lives.

Each unit in this brigade has a civil affairs staff office. Anyone with surplus food, candy or other items and who desire to personally distribute it, can arrange a dignified presentation.

Thoughtless actions only hinder the civic action effort. For this reason there is a brigade policy which prohibits giving anything of value to any Vietnamese National except through organized civic action projects. Each member of the brigade has a responsibility to help prevent accidents and ill will.

'Sab' Meets 'War Buddy'

KHANH DUONG— You can never tell when or where you'll meet old friends and Major General Leland G. Cagwin met one of his oldest and best while visiting the brigade recently—First Sergeant Walter J. Sabalauski recent winner of the Distinguished Service Cross.

General Cagwin, now commander of the Army's Test and Evaluation Command at Ft. Meade, Md., greeted Sergeant Sabalauski warmly during his visit to the brigade's forward base camp. The two have known each other for 28 years. They met in 1939 when Second Lieutenant Cagwin was a platoon leader in the 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division and Private First Class (Fifth Class Specialist) Sabalauski was under his command.

When the United States entered World War II, General Cagwin was a battalion commander in the same division when Sergeant Sabalauski won his stripes.

General Cagwin visited here for a report from the brigade staff on the performance of equipment during operations in Viet Nam.



"AIRBORNE!" — The jump is shorter from a HUD Huey helicopter, but action on the ground is always the same for paratroopers of the brigade — search and destroy Charlie. The lead men of a "Screaming Eagle" assault team drop out early during Operation Farragut south of Phan Rang. (US Army Photo by SP4 Johnny Jackson)

'No Slack' Bn Pulls Feint; Captures Ten, Kills One NVA

KHANH DUONG — The 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, played an important role in the early success of Operation Summerall by providing a feint prior to the brigade's major offensive to the south.

During the first three days of the brigade's presence here, the 2d Battalion carried out search and clear missions to the east, capturing nine Viet Cong and a North Vietnamese and killing another NVA.

The "Spiders," the reconnaissance squad of Company

B, saw action the first day when they captured an NVA soldier near their helicopter landing zone. The enemy took them to a small complex where he lived. He also pointed in the direction other NVA soldiers had gone when they found the "Screaming Eagles" were coming into the area.

Later the prisoner was found to be a member of the 9th Battalion, 18B Regiment and led intelligence units to a 200-pound rice cache.

Working just ahead of the Weapons Platoon, the Spiders patrolled the river bank and during a night search found signs that a small NVA force had been in the area earlier.

The Weapons Platoon also was busy. Earlier in the second day, the heavy-hardware paratroopers had come across a living complex which had been used by an estimated platoon-sized element not more than 12 hours before. At four o'clock the point man spotted an NVA on the trail ahead. The enemy soldier ran for the underbrush, but the point man tumbled him into an adjacent stream with a burst from his M-16 rifle. A rucksack filled with documents telling of the NVA's role as an instructor for local VC forces was recovered.

The 1st and 3rd Platoons, meanwhile, were patrolling the surrounding high ground. The 1st Platoon made contact the afternoon of the se-

cond day. One North Vietnamese was killed and an automatic weapon, a rucksack and 21 rounds of Mauser ammunition were found.

At 3:45 p.m. the 3rd Platoon made contact, chasing three North Vietnamese into the jungle. A few documents, a rucksack, a pistol belt and some medical equipment were captured.

The next morning, the Weapons Platoon and the Spiders joined the 3rd Platoon which had encountered 53 women and children and 12 men living in a complex. A Spider interpreter interrogated the man, but a young woman identified nine as Viet Cong. A rustling in nearby bushes alerted the Spiders and three Vietnamese men were brought into the complex. All had safe conduct passes.

Company A made no major contact with the enemy during the three-day feint, but did destroy recently abandoned sites of enemy concentrations.

Patrolling both banks of the Krong-Hin river, the men of Company A destroyed enemy fish traps and living complexes. The third day out the 2nd Platoon scattered an estimated five enemy troops preparing for dinner.

Company A and the rest of the battalion regrouped the third evening and were resupplied in preparation for the major offensive of Operation Summerall.

Scholarship Still Open To Troopers

TUY HOA — The scholarship at the University of Southern California (USC) established by the parents of a late paratrooper of the 1st Brigade for veterans of the 101st Airborne Division who wish to study in the field of International Relations, on either the graduate or undergraduate level, is still available.

The Michael R. Young Memorial Scholarship, is named in memory of the fallen "Screaming Eagle" in a \$1,500 annual tuition grant which will be available in September of 1967.

In a personal letter to the brigade commander, Michael Young's parents said they established the fund "...as a memorial to Michael's love of his comrades-in-arms and for his unit."

The 24-year-old native of Newport Beach, Calif., attended Orange Coast College before joining the Army in 1963. He was killed while on a combat operation in March 1965 with Company B of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry. Young is remembered by his parents and friends as "Someone who loved life and participated in all it had to offer." "He felt he had an obligation and he wanted to contribute; and he had given up the chance to be a member of Special Forces when he found out his unit was going to Viet Nam.

Applicants for the scholarship must meet the entrance requirements for USC, and in addition study in the field of International Relations. The four year scholarship will be awarded to a veteran of the 101st Airborne Division who is the most qualified and it can be used for either graduate or undergraduate level studies.

Any person interested in the scholarship and seeking further information are advised to direct their inquiries to the Director of Student Aid at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.

Red Cross Schedule

Month Of April 1967

American Red Cross Recreation Center
Open Daily 1000—2200

2nd Week

- 10 Mon Military World — how much do you know about weapons
- 11 Tues Crafts Night—pastels
- 12 Wed Chess Club, Pinochle Lessons, Bridge Lessons
- 13 Thur Bid Whist Tournament
- 14 Fri Battleship
- 15 Sat Hootenanny
- 16 Sun Mystery Night

3rd Week

- 17 Mon Man to the Moon—program on space
- 18 Tues Crafts Night—soap carving
- 19 Wed Chess Club, Pinochle Lessons, Bridge Lessons
- 20 Thur Pool Tournament
- 21 Fri Show Ur Own Slides—Popcorn
- 22 Sat Jam Session
- 23 Sun Birthday Party—have you signed the Birthday Book yet

4th Week

- 24 Mon Concentration
 - 25 Tues Crafts Night—felt decorating
 - 26 Wed Chess Club, Pinochle Lessons, Bridge Lessons
 - 27 Thurs Ping Pong Tournament
 - 28 Fri So You Think You're Suave—all about men's fashions
 - 29 Sat Hootenanny
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LETTERS TO THE BULLETIN

Pride Conquers Fear in Vietnam

I am of the white race. The boy who wrote this is a colored boy in my platoon in the 101st Airborne Division. It was written on the way to Vietnam. It shows, I think, that regardless of race or creed, we are all fighting for a common cause, to keep our country free of all evils. I am not only speaking for the 101st Airborne Division, but for all branches of the service and the men who are fighting for the freedom of our country, and I hope with the help of God, we will keep it free.

SGT. JOSEPH CORERO, JR.
Vietnam

Fear is a Viet Cong man- Right now my do anything in my power
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Why? Because I and querable soul believe and I am the United States
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Editor's Note: I believe this is a typical commentary on race relationships and sensitivity as compared to the present.



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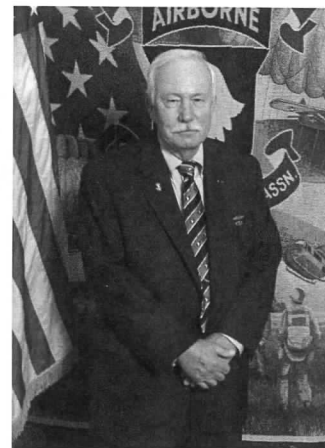
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ALL HER BOYS

A Vietnam Love Story



by Richard A. Luttrell



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A native of Illinois, Richard A. Luttrell dropped out of high school at seventeen to join the U.S. Army, serving for a year with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. All Her Boys recounts his experiences there, for which he earned many decorations, including two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

After his tour of duty, he completed his education, receiving a B.A. from Sangamon State University. He has been married for twenty years and has two daughters and two granddaughters.

His goal is to become a successful writer, and this eloquent, impassioned memoir demonstrates that his talent is worthy of that ambition.

A hero among heroes who sought forgiveness

BY BILL KIRBY
McClatchy-Tribune

Perhaps, we had just become numb.

We saw the film footage.

We heard the protests.

We listened to the nightly television news reports from Huntley and Brinkley and Reasoner and Wallace and Cronkite, and saw the carnage from afar.

"I finally feel," Keith Stanley, 62, who served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970, "like somebody is saying, 'thank you.'"

Stanley was among more than 200 Vietnam War veterans on hand last Friday to kick off Heroes Homecoming at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, N.C., in a solemn and ever so poignant ceremony.

"It began with a simple request," Fayetteville Mayor Tony Chavonne told the audience. "A brief encounter with a veteran who shared with me the story of a young para-

The photo, which Richard Luttrell kept in his wallet for more than 30 years, and his slain enemy would haunt him.

trooper, Richard Luttrell, who took the life of a North Vietnamese soldier during the war."

He was a scared 18-year-old 101st Airborne Division soldier on a rocky trail in Chu Lai, and he was in the sights of an enemy soldier's AK-47.

With his M-16, Luttrell took the life of his foe, along with a photograph of what he believed to be the Vietnamese soldier's young child.

The photo, which Luttrell kept in his wallet for more than 30 years, and his slain enemy would haunt him.

"It's hard to put into words," Luttrell told The Associated

Press in 1997, "but deep down, somehow I'm looking for some forgiveness somewhere."

He returned to North Vietnam in 2000 hoping to find the child, return the photograph and explain the perils of war, and to plead for her understanding.

He found her.

"Forgive me," he said.

She did.

He found his peace.

Chavonne said it was a story of Richard Luttrell's quest to find closure to Vietnam.

"It is a story of a young American and a young Vietnamese thrust together ..." the mayor said. "The story of this city — Fayetteville — tied so closely with that war."

Hence, in this city of "history, heroes and a hometown feeling," Heroes Homecoming was born.

Luttrell planned to take part in Heroes Homecoming and tell his story for us, but he died one year ago Sunday at age 62

in Rochester, Ill.

"Sadly," the mayor said, "Richard Luttrell never made it to Fayetteville. He was never able to help us to better understand that conflict ... and the common good in all people.

"He didn't have a chance to join hundreds of other Vietnam veterans in receiving the welcome home they deserve."

You could have heard a feather fall in the silence of the Yarbrough-Bank Vistascope Theater, and every heart thump.

"Let us commit," the mayor asked, as he was overcome with his own emotions, "that there will not be another Vietnam War veteran — another Richard Luttrell — who leaves us without receiving the welcome home from this country that they so rightfully deserve."

Bill Kirby writes for the Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer. This column was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.



RICHARD LUTTRELL/PBS.ORG/ANDY CARROLL

"Forgive me for taking your life," Luttrell wrote in a note he placed at the Vietnam War memorial in Washington, D.C., in 1989, along with this picture. "I was reacting just the way I was trained to kill V.C. [Viet Cong]. So many times over the years I have stared at your picture and your daughter, I suspect. Each time my heart and guts would burn with the pain of guilt."

Editor's Note: This news clip was sent by + SFC (R) John Burke, Jr., 2/327 C 12/65-12/66. The layout has been altered and a better quality picture sent by Carole L. Luttrell used to replace the photo printed in the newspaper.

ALL HER BOYS

by

Richard A. Luttrell

The more distance we gain from the war in Vietnam, the more we tend to theorize about its significance in history and to forget the grueling, brutal reality of it. All Her Boys compels us to remember. By reliving his experience as a "grunt" in the "boonies" – the Vietnam jungle – Richard A. Luttrell also reminds us that those who had to grapple with that reality were for the most part not hardened professional soldiers for whom war was a way of life. Rather they were teenaged boys – young, innocent, lonely and scared.

With unforgettable vividness, Mr. Luttrell recaptures what it was like to be one of those boys, suddenly torn from home and country and forced to face the horrors of guerilla combat, watching your brothers in arms maimed and killed all around you and coping with the knowledge that their fate could be yours at any moment.

For all their patriotism, courage and inextinguishable will to survive, they were still just kids at heart, and what sustained many of them through it all was something much less "manly" - the love of their mothers back home. Drawing extensively on his own wartime letters to his mother, Mr. Luttrell uses these excerpts to help him recreate the war for us as it looked and felt to him then. "I did not concern myself with the politics or strategy of the war," he writes. "My objective was to survive twelve months and return home to the woman I loved. And, as for many of my fellow troopers, she was Mother."

Historians and politicians will be debating the lessons of the war for generations to come. But the most important lesson of all may be right here in this book, in the voice of a boy plunged by his elders into the heart of darkness, consoled only by the distant light of his mother's love.

"All Her Boys" was written by Richard Luttrell. Originally printed in 1990, it was reprinted in 2011 in soft-cover format (5"x8") after Richard's untimely death in November 2010.

Richard served with A Company, 2/327, 1st Brigade (Separate) of the 101st Airborne Division. The book is based on letters Richard sent home to his mother during his tour in Vietnam '67-'68. Each chapter begins with an excerpt from a letter to his mother then continues with more details about what was happening – things he didn't tell his mother.

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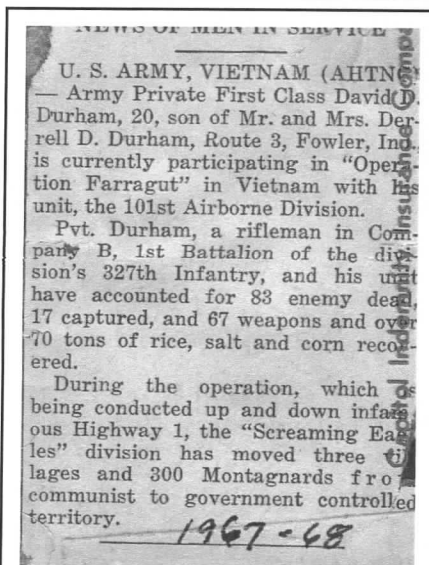
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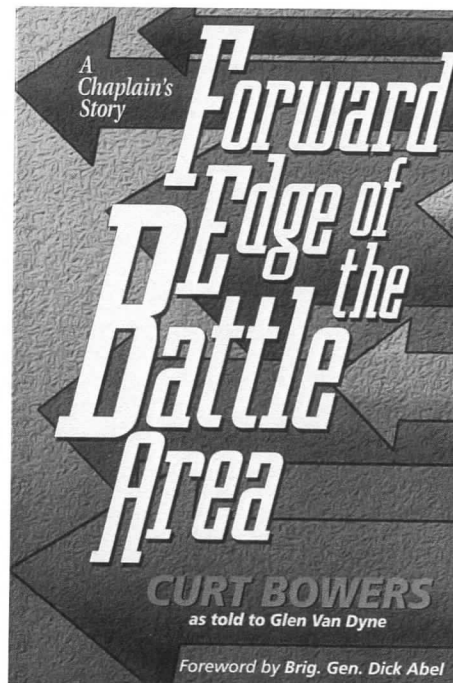
101st Airborne Division.

Editor's Note: Richard A. Luttrell, 2/327 A 3/67-3/68, was a friend of mine. His death was a total shock for me because we had been to the Omaha reunion a short time before he died. At the reunion he showed no signs of illness. He was part of the free fall team that jumped at the paratrooper statue dedication. Rich was a good friend and was always seeking ways to be helpful with whatever was happening. I will miss him.



This newspaper clipping was sent by +David Dean Durham, 1/327 B&HHC 2/67-2/68.

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OBSERVATIONS OF A PLATOON LEADER

PART III OF III PARTS

CAPTAIN PATRICK H. GRAVES, USA
FORMER PLATOON LEADER IN VIETNAM.

This is the last of the three parts of this series on the observations of a platoon leader in Vietnam. With the author, we hope that the points presented in this series will stimulate Infantry thinking and will assist the junior Infantry leader who is preparing for combat duty in Vietnam.—Editor

THE UNITED STATES ARMY is equipped with the finest firearms in the world's arsenal of weapons. It is one thing to make this statement and another to see it qualified. The following comments concern weapons organic to Infantry units.

Much publicity has been given the M16 rifle. Cer-

tainly it is a very outstanding weapon. There are, however, some misconceptions and faults about the weapon.

For airborne and counterinsurgency use, the M16 cannot be topped; its combined light weight and firepower give the soldier what he needs in situations peculiar to the war in Vietnam. The 460 meter maximum effective range is sufficient for any situation, except sniping, while the maximum rate of fire on automatic gives firepower never before available to the Infantryman.

To touch on the misinformation and bad points of the weapon in no way overrides its excellence. Many troops, for instance, believe the weapon to be rustproof.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

But Southeast Asia contains an accumulation of the worst conditions to which any weapon or equipment can be subjected, and the M16's barrel, muzzle, dust cover, modified bolt closer, and front and rear sight assemblies all are rust catchers. This is compounded if the initial finish is worn away by repeated rubbing with an abrasive.

good habits

The protruding gas tube in the upper receiver catches a good deal of carbon, as does the bolt carrier key. The latter must be freed of carbon deposits after extensive firing, for built up carbon deposits here will cause the weapon to malfunction.

To correct many of the areas of difficulty, good cleaning habits should be practiced—frequently—and the bolt and all moving parts of the weapon oiled thoroughly.

On occasion the M16 experiences a ruptured cartridge or a like malfunction, which results in an unextracted shell casing. Sand or other foreign matter on the face of the bolt may not allow the bolt to engage the rim of the spent round, while foreign matter on the side of the shell casing may cause a shell to lodge in the chamber. In these situations, and as the bolt moves to the rear to begin the extraction action, the soft rim of the casing will give, not allowing the bolt to pick up the casing. Immediate action for this situation requires the use of the rifle rod to dislodge the round. A pointed object such as a bayonet will not suffice since the shell rim is soft. Preventative maintenance calls for a copious amount of oil down the barrel several times a day when the weapon is in constant use.

The method of carrying the M16 depends on the enemy situation and not on the weapon itself, and the time involved to swing the rifle into action may be vital. This is especially true in the counter-ambush. To provide flank security for the file formation, for instance, those individuals assigned to right flank security should hold their weapons pointing to that flank. This requires holding the pistol grip in the left hand with the thumb controlling the selector. Since the M16 rifle is usually held pistol grip in the right hand, practice must be exercised to increase proficiency in this carrying technique.

Another technique allows freedom of movement of one hand: the rifle is carried vertically with the rifle butt resting on the right ammunition pouch. This method is useful in dense vegetation with little overhang, or in rugged terrain.

The general purpose (GP) strap may be used as a sling for the M16, and when so used is routed over the

shoulder which supports the weight of the weapon. The rifle is carried in the horizontal position, and again, one hand is left free.

In conjunction with the various carrying techniques, practice in using the selector on the M16 is imperative. Personnel must be able to switch from SAFE to SEMI and from SAFE to AUTO with ease and speed.

A major problem which has arisen with the use of the M16 is the tendency to disregard use of semi-automatic fire. Although the selector provides each soldier with maximum firepower for emergency situations, control and supervision in its use must be exercised by all leaders. The unit which expends a basic load in a brief, insignificant encounter is soon ineffective. On the other hand, proper utilization of the tremendous firepower available with the M16 can greatly enhance a unit's fighting capability.

effective weapon

Magazines for the M16 should never be taped together to provide speed in changing magazines, for in this position the spare magazine can be easily clogged with foreign matter. The result is a dirty chamber in the rifle and a malfunction.

The 5.56mm round is a lethal projectile because of its velocity, and causes a large hole leaving the body if it strikes a bone. At great ranges this effect also occurs to some degree when the round strikes a fleshy portion of the body. But the round does not cut through undergrowth as effectively as does the 7.62mm round.

The most effective weapon produced in recent years for use by Infantry units is the M79 grenade launcher. I refer to it as the platoon leader's "artillery battery" and in many respects it is just that. The six M79s organic to the rifle platoon deliver explosive rounds accurately up to 375 meters. This is especially valuable in the many situations peculiar to counter-guerrilla warfare. If a position cannot be filled in a rifle squad, it should never be that of a grenadier.

The grenade launcher is ineffective in dense undergrowth because of a lack of fields of fire. Here it is wise also for the weapon to be carried round-in-chamber and breech open to avoid accidental discharge, while the thumb holds the round in the chamber.

The M79 can provide indirect fire support in dense undergrowth for ranges less than 100 meters by marking foot positions on the sling as is done with the rifle grenade launcher. A new shot round has recently been issued for the M79, and this has proven excellent for use in close contact situations, and overcomes the weapon's inability to be used effectively in dense vegetation.

Too often, though, grenadiers are not convinced of the effectiveness of their weapon and will show little confidence in its ability. In units which allow the grenadier to carry the rifle as a secondary weapon, the grenade launcher is often not used effectively, for it becomes the grenadier's secondary weapon instead of the rifle. This practice also adds weight to the grenadier, weight that could be used for extra 40mm grenade rounds.

As with the M16 rifle, the basic load for the M79 is usually doubled by many units. The grenadier may, therefore, carry a 36 round basic load.

machine guns

The M72, Light Anti-tank Weapon (LAW), is a major improvement over its predecessor, the 3.5-inch rocket launcher, because of its light weight and the fact it can be discarded after firing. This allows more men to carry the weapon, thereby eliminating the two rocket crews in the weapons squad, if so desired.

While the M72 is useful against fortified positions, bunkers and heavy entrenchments can withstand the explosive projectile.

The M60 light machine gun is an excellent weapon, and much of the trouble experienced in blank firing does not occur in live firing. In units armed with the M16, the M60 is the only weapon which will cut through undergrowth effectively.

Placement of the machine guns during movement is critical, and will vary among leaders. For example, two lines of reasoning are generally used in the deployment of the machine guns:

- Keep the guns together in a platoon to provide maximum fire support for the maneuvering element, the role for which the weapon was designed. The guns are used in pair most advantageously in open terrain which allows supporting fires. Fields of fire are prevalent in these open areas and grazing fire is excellent.

- Disperse the machine guns in the platoon. The leader does so to lessen the possibility of the destruction of both guns in a surprise engagement. In an environment in which ambush or sniper activity is expected or encountered, *dispersion* of the machine guns does become necessary. Too, fire support is then distributed throughout the unit, and firepower can be brought to bear on the enemy more quickly. This method finds use in dense vegetation where the fire support role is virtually impossible.

Ammunition belts are not carried with bandoleers draped over the shoulders. Except for the belt carried in the gun, ammunition is left in the waterproof can to prevent foreign matter and corrosion from collecting on exposed ammunition.

Because of carelessness, the .45 caliber pistol has proved to be a dangerous weapon to our own personnel, and has accounted for a great percentage of accidents involving weapons. Rigid control must be exercised by leaders in the loading of this weapon, while unit SOPs should state that a round will be chambered in the pistol only as a last resort in action with the enemy.

The new model of the fragmentation hand grenade, the M26, makes no snap and hissing noise as did its predecessor, the MKII—which is also used in Vietnam; it is used whenever possible in lieu of small arms fire. In the night ambush, for instance, the grenade is effective since it has a large killing radius and does not compromise the friendly position.

Unfortunately, it is not easy to train troops to use the grenade properly, and their tendency is to rely on the rifle. It should be stressed that the primary weapon is not standard but rather depends on the situation.

Repeated carrying of the M26 causes the safety release to break, exposing the striker. Although the grenade is not dangerous in this state, it is difficult to carry. Proper securing of the grenade to the load bearing equipment (LBE) can prevent exposing a dangerous, dangling blasting cap, but the grenade should be checked periodically to insure a tight fit of body and fuze assembly.

varied uses

The white phosphorous grenade is not often used in training, but it does find varied uses in Vietnam. It is often used to start fires, to signal, and to create a demoralizing effect among enemy personnel. As a signal it gives a large volume of white smoke in a short time, effective in overcoming a thick jungle canopy.

The Claymore mine is another relatively new weapon in our arsenal. Its use in the ambush and defense demands no explanation here, and a piece of luminous tape affixed to the back of the mine can provide a visible guard against the enemy's ability to turn the Claymore around.

The Claymore is a special purpose explosive, and troops must be cautioned and supervised in its employment. This is one of those not always available items and should be used only against massed enemy personnel.

No one can discount the fact that the US soldier is the best equipped fighting man in the world, although all of his equipment may not be the best suited for the area in which he must fight. The US soldier, however, relies heavily on reissue and resupply, and supervision here is a must to prevent unservicability and loss of equipment. Proper accountability and maintenance

habits in the field is the key.

The load bearing equipment (LBE) withstands the Vietnam climate and terrain exceptionally well, with the entrenching tool and bayonet being the major rust catching items. The snap on the grenade retaining straps the entrenching tool and bayonet being the major rust thereby preventing proper opening. These should be cleaned and oiled periodically.

To allow rapid retrieving of magazines from the ammunition pouch, the center magazine should be raised slightly above the others. This is accomplished by plac-

combat pack

ing a bottle of water purification tablets or a rock at the bottom of the pouch.

The combat pack is a poor means furnished the soldier to carry his supplies—it cannot hold enough supplies to sustain operations over a long period of time, a condition desired in a counter-insurgency environment; it cannot be detached from the soldier with ease, which means the soldier must take the pack with him when he maneuvers against the enemy; and when a soldier uses the prone position, the combat pack presents too high a silhouette.

The problem can be solved by using the ruck sack, either the older model or better still, the new type adopted by Special Forces. The ruck sack is large and can be detached or dropped easily; supervision is required here, particularly to dissuade individuals from utilizing unnecessary carrying capacity.

Jungle fatigues, as the name implies, are designed for wear in tropical terrain. The light weight material dries rapidly by body heat and controls heat casualties caused by high humidity. The material is easily torn in dense vegetation and constant mending is required.

For field use, fatigues should be stripped of rank and insignia, and a darkened nametape and US ARMY tape are sufficient if any insignia is to be worn. This procedure can deny a sniper a select target.

The jungle boot, again as the name implies, is designed especially for terrain common to Southeast Asia and to other like climates. The canvas sidings and drainage holes at the arch allow fast drying, although some argue that this boot causes the feet to get wet in shallow water while the standard combat boot remains dry inside until boot-top water is encountered.

The canvas siding will tear over the inside ankle bone after extensive use, although a small leather patch sewn over this area eliminates the problem. In addition, the sole will crack in the center, exposing a metal plate, but this does not render the boot useless. Another bad point is that the boot is not well adapted to mountain

operations because the ankle does not receive adequate support. Its substitute, the standard combat boot, does not hold up well and dries slowly, while after repeated use, the leather will become hard and cracked.

Control is essential for the success of any mission, and good communications are a necessary aid to good control. Do not, though, overestimate the range of communication equipment. For a given terrain the range of equipment may be more or less than given in the manual.

The new AN/PRC-25 radio features the new squelch in the SQUELCH position, eliminating the constant annoying noise experienced in the ON position at slight cost in range. This is beneficial when silence is of paramount importance.

The handset is new also and cuts out much background noise, although the thin plastic membranes over the mouth and ear pieces are easily broken. Moisture here leads to transmitting and receiving difficulties. While the cellophane or plastic protecting the C-ration spoon can be used as a field expedient, the plastic protective bag of the BA386 battery provides a better means of protection. The bag is placed over the entire handset and taped at the open end.

conceal radio

The handset is the most delicate part of the radio; repair is often slow and replacements difficult to obtain. It deserves primary care and maintenance.

The radio-telephone operator (RTO) is an important target to the enemy, for by directing fire at and around the radio operator, the enemy expects to kill leaders as well as to destroy a unit's communications.

The solution is to conceal the radio as much as possible: by fitting the radio in the combat pack and routing the antenna through the webbing. The ruck sack may also be used in the same manner.

The AN/PRC-6 radio provides the control needed at platoon level, but experiences many difficulties and is often non-operational.

In the event the PRC-6s are non-operative it may be desirable to use two PRC-25s at platoon level, the extra radio being controlled by the platoon sergeant. Additional PRC-25s can be made available from the weapons platoon at a cost of forward observers.

Proper radio procedure and security must be developed and maintained. This proves its worth when communication is critical.

At small unit level the field expedient antenna is helpful. A 50-foot length of WD1 telephone wire can serve as a directional line-of-sight antenna. Coupled with a 600-ohm resistor, this antenna can give even greater selectivity.

The RC292 antenna provides greater range for the platoon and company, and it is good practice for an RC292 to be used at company level during all operations. To lessen the load, the mast sections may be taken out of the kit and the remaining parts of the kit distributed among several individuals. The antenna head is mounted in a tree for use.

Smoke grenades are used primarily in ground to air signaling. For example, in directing an air strike red smoke may be used to identify the enemy, and yellow smoke, the location of friendly forces. For helicopter resupply, airmobile missions, and medical evacuation, smoke can identify the landing zone and give wind direction to the pilots. In this situation, the pilot tells the ground personnel the color of the smoke he identifies, avoiding the possibility of a helicopter landing among an enemy who also has smoke available. The color of smoke used must be changed often.

signals

Because of the wide use of the smoke grenade, leaders should always carry them on any mission. And while smoke grenades will not easily break through a jungle canopy, the grenade can be attached to a tree top or to a sapling which is bent over and allowed to spring to its upright position.

The white phosphorus grenade, as mentioned before, is excellent in overcoming the jungle canopy, and the large volume of dense white smoke rises quickly in comparison to the slow burning smoke grenade.

The proper use of hand and arm signals is essential if noise discipline is to be practiced. During any movement, the Australian Army uses this type of signaling to the greatest possible extent. Consequently, their patrols are conducted with much less noise than those conducted by US units. It is not that we do not have adequate signals; rather, it is because the hand and arm signals we teach in basic training are not used in subsequent training sessions and, consequently, are not present on the field of battle.

Platoon leaders should emphasize the use of hand and arm signals as an integral part of control and stealth, and develop additional signals to meet their own requirements.

The hot, humid climate of Southeast Asia fosters perfect conditions for a teeming insect population and diseases. Basic preventative measures must be exercised and supervised at small unit level to reduce non-battle casualties.

Malaria is perhaps the greatest non-battle casualty producer in Vietnam. Certain areas of the country are termed "malaria regions" due to the high casualty rate in these areas.

Mosquito bites are easily infected, and sores often develop on the legs and feet. In rear areas, troops with foot problems are allowed to wear shower shoes so that sores and foot infections can dry and heal properly.

Ants exist everywhere in country and are a nuisance. The red ant is vicious although not poisonous, and is usually found in dense brush, falling on the intruder and causing much discomfort.

diseases

Two types of leech exist in Vietnam. The water leech is found in standing water and, to a lesser extent, in streams and rivers. The rice paddy is a common location for the water leech which may grow to be six inches in length. The land or jungle leech presents a greater problem than the water leech. It is so named because it is found in the thick jungle undergrowth, and its movement and size resemble the inch worm.

The leech, and more especially the jungle leech, is capable of finding and entering the smallest opening. Once on the skin it leaves a hole which bleeds freely due to the leeches' anti-coagulant saliva. These holes, if left unattended, will infect easily.

The solution to this problem is to prevent the leech from gaining access to the skin. For this reason, the proper blousing of trousers in the boots is important. The draw string provided on the jungle fatigues proves inadequate unless a tight union of trousers and boots is made.

The Australians have developed an effective method. The boots are laced and the excess boot string is routed through a hole cut in the trousers at boot top level. The string is then wrapped around the leg securing the trouser legs to the top of the boot.

Scorpions are found in most areas of the country, but most frequently on dry, high ground. The sting of this insect is painful but is not considered dangerous enough to warrant extensive medical treatment.

Snakes are numerous in Southeast Asia, but as a rule, will not often be encountered. The noise of movement will usually drive them away. Caution should be exercised with snakes because of the several poisonous types common to the area.

The platoon leader must be concerned with the many diseases contracted in Vietnam, diseases capable of rendering a unit inoperative. Supervision in personal hygiene is the solution. Medical aid men should be required to perform frequent checks on unit personnel to prevent and arrest diseases, and to insure that all personnel practice proper sanitation.

As an aside, the water buffalo is encountered often in the rice lands; it is temperamental and should be

avoided if possible. With no apparent reason it may charge personnel and inflict serious injury.

The reader may well note much of this material is a review of basic Infantry knowledge. Some areas may be new. But if the information has served to stimulate thought and to confirm that past tactics instruction is applicable in Vietnam, I have accomplished my purpose.

The word "supervision" has been used often, as often as "initiative" has been implied. These two words are

often the key to success or failure at small unit level. The application of proper troop leading procedures is a must.

Each conflict of arms has had its peculiarities. One of the peculiarities of the war in Vietnam is that it is a small unit leader's war. Certainly, in such a war, the role of the Infantry leader is complex and demanding. The leader, though, will never realize a comparable satisfaction than commanding US troops in combat at the small unit level. ■

Many thanks to Patrick H. Graves Jr., 1/327 B 7/65 - 7/66

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General Kinnard Arrives 1st Air Cav. Commander 101st - ARVN Sweep VC Stronghold

VIETNAM, (USARV-IO)— Major General Harry W.O. Kinnard, Commander of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, arrived here this week. He was met by Brig. Gen. John Norton, DCG, U.S. Army Vietnam.

The 16000-man Division is due to arrive here shortly from Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon arrival it will be assigned to Task force Alpha.

General Kinnard is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Class of "39") and a veteran of WW II. He took part in the invasion of Normandy and was at Bastogne in the Battle of the Bulge.

He was promoted to the rank of colonel at the early age of 29.

He formerly commanded the experimental 11th Air Assault Division (test).

The famed 1st Cavalry Division brings with it a new concept in the modern Army as well as a history that dates back to the days of the frontiersmen.

BINH DINH, (USARV-IO)— Elements of the 101st «Screaming Eagles» assigned to Task Force Alpha and ARVN troops teamed up in scattered actions to account for a total of 12 VC killed, 4 wounded, and 24 captured.

Friendly casualties were reported as light, in all actions.

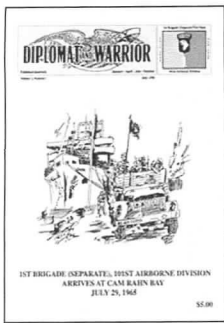
The operation began on Sunday and consisted of three company-size elements of the 101st along with a Vietnamese Ranger Company and a CIDG unit. Their mission was to comb through a Viet Cong stronghold area on the Qui Nhon-An Khe axis.

The first contact with the VC took place about 260 miles northeast of Saigon as the 1st/327th Artillery of the 101st flushed out 10 armed Viet Cong by bombarding tunnels. Ground troops closed in to capture the 10 insurgents.

The big catch came near the Song Con River, 19 miles west of An Khe. A sweep of the cave-studded area resulted in nine VC killed, three wounded and 92 VC suspects detained. Fourteen of the suspects have since been confirmed as Viet Cong soldiers.



FIRST CAV COMMANDER— Major General Harry W. O. Kinnard (Center) was greeted on arrival at Tan Son Nhut by Brig. Gen. John Norton (Right) and Col. John D. McLaughlin, USARV Chief of Staff. (Photo by USARV-IO)



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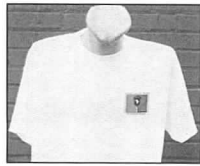


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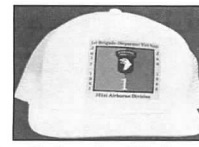
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