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# ***The ALWAYS FIRST Brigade***



# **WOUNDED**



(L to R) James D. Agins, 326 MED D 7/66-2/67; MAJ (R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67 and Peter Fekete, 2/502 B 4/65-6/66 pose for a photo at the annual Snowbird Reunion in Tampa, Florida, in February 2012.

We continue to have mail processed through Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Material in this issue came from many First Brigade veterans. CPT Barry Hana, HQ-PIO 3/67-3/68, sent the DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR printed in the center section.

This issue has been difficult to produce, in that I had about three weeks of pneumonia with four days in the hospital and a little more than two weeks of rest following. I had no idea that pneumonia could wreck the body so completely. This too shall pass.

The Snowbird Reunion in Tampa was great. The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter really excelled as our host. The hotel layout was very user friendly. The Hospitality Room was well organized and the bar was well run with friendly volunteer bartenders who tried to please every

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).

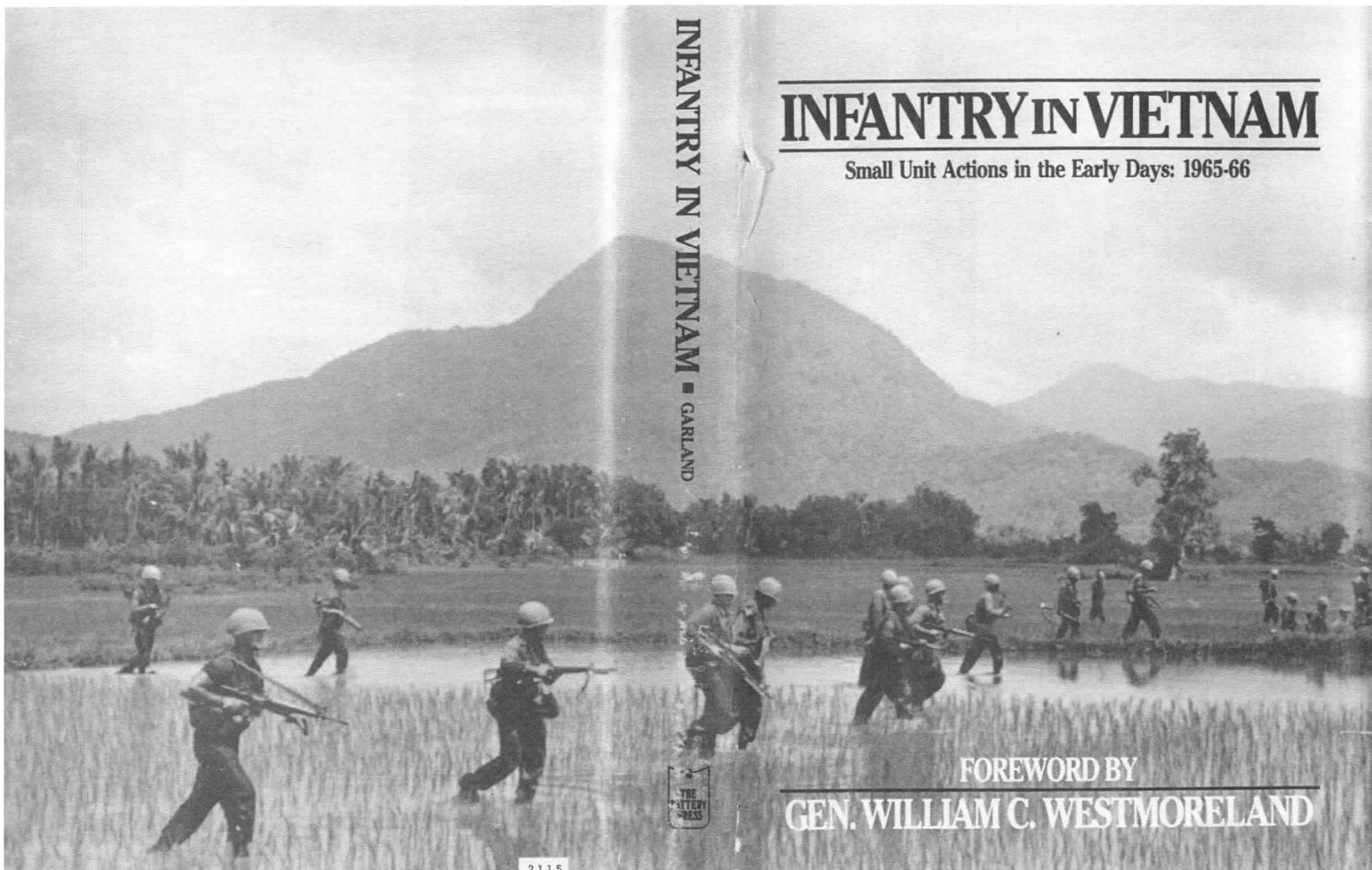


preference for drinks. The dinner was very well organized with great food and a program that ended just when it should have. The registration and table assignment desk was very efficient and welcomed all with a short introduction to the reunion. Vendors and the Association Store were well placed and easy for all to find and do business. I enjoyed the reunion.

I hope you will look at the material about the INFANTRY book. It is a real work of art and we should be proud that two of our First Brigade (S) veterans had such a great part in producing an unqualified tribute to the INFANTRY.

I regret that I could not have the story of Jim Joiner's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery in this issue. I plan to attend, on March 29th, and have a full story in the July issue. I am going to try a new mode of transportation when I go to Washington for Jim's funeral. I am going to ride the MEGA BUS from Knoxville to DC and return. I hope the service is as good as advertised.

If you have material about you, your unit, an action or personality please let me know. I am always looking for material about the First Brigade (S) and veterans of the Brigade for publication in the magazine. If you know a First Brigade (S) veteran who is not a subscriber encourage him to join the subscribers' list.



INFANTRY IN VIETNAM ■ GARLAND

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## INFANTRY IN VIETNAM

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The war in Vietnam—an unusual test of American tactical doctrine, operations and procedures—has often been called “the platoon leader’s war.” It placed a high premium on individual and small unit discipline, initiative, perseverance, physical conditioning, morale and esprit. *Infantry in Vietnam* chronicles the American

*Vietnam* chronicles the American infantryman’s adaptation to fighting a fanatical and skilled enemy in the extreme environments of mangrove swamps, bamboo thickets, dense jungles and mountainous terrain.

Originally published by *Infantry Magazine* and written by the officers in command of the companies and platoons involved, *Infantry in Vietnam* analyzes combat actions occurring in 1965-66. Small unit activities covered are patrolling, ambushes, attack and defensive tactics, intelligence, fire support and special operations.

*Infantry in Vietnam* is the first book in The Battery Press Vietnam Series.

*Those mentioned in this story who are in the magazine database are Wilford E. Roe 2/502 B CO 8/64-9/65 who was a subscriber; Wilford K.G. Smith, 2/502 Bn CO 65, who I have never had an answer from; Edward Charles Schillo, Jr., 2/502 64-66, who I have not been able to communicate with and COL(R) Gerard Landry, 2/502 A 7/64-7/66, who is a subscriber.*

*This book contains other accounts of First Brigade (S) actions to be published in future issues.*

## **VI / defend**

**DEFENSIVE** operations will never win a war; only offensive operations can insure ultimate victory. But it should be recognized that many times the skillful application of the defense can keep a military force from losing a war, or a battle. Defensive operations, therefore, in the broadest sense of the term, embraces all combat actions that offer a degree of resistance to an attacking force. They are conducted to develop more favorable conditions for offensive action; to destroy or trap a hostile force; to reduce an enemy's capability for offensive action; to gain time and avoid fighting a decisive engagement; to resist, delay, and inflict punishment on an enemy force; or to deny an enemy entry into a vital area.

As there are for offensive operations, so too are there fundamentals of the defense. Among the most important of the defense fundamentals are:

- Use terrain properly.
- Provide for security.
- Insure mutual support.
- Organize for all-around defense.
- Organize defense in depth.
- Planned fires.
- Barrier plans.
- Maintain freedom of action.
- Use time available.

In Vietnam, the US Army's traditional emphasis on the "spirit of the offensive" has received increased impetus with the introduction of the airmobile assault, for a heliborne attack challenges leaders at all

levels with its requirement for aggressive and rapid action and with the uncertainty that is inherent in each landing.

But reversals are sudden in combat. Particularly in Vietnam, where timely intelligence information concerning the enemy is rare and highly perishable, the hunter can quickly become the hunted, and the assault can become a defense of a piece of ground which would never be considered for that purpose under other circumstances. The most detailed plan of attack can suddenly change to a hasty defense if the enemy is not where he was thought to be. And this is what happened to the 2d Battalion, 502d US Infantry in September 1965 near An Khe.

## **into the frying pan**

In late August 1965, the 1st Brigade, 101st US Airborne Division, then commanded by Colonel James S. Timothy, and of which the 2d Battalion, 502d US Infantry was a part, moved from the Cam Ranh Bay area to secure assembly points near An Khe for the soon-to-arrive 1st US Cavalry Division.<sup>1</sup> The Brigade's mission also included the security of the An Khe pass, north of which, in the Song Con River valley, a North Vietnamese Army (NVA) battalion had been spotted.

Colonel Timothy was anxious to get at the NVA battalion, for that unit constituted a major threat to his brigade, and he set in motion a plan to destroy it—Operation GIBRALTAR. Timothy's plan called for a combined arms task force to sweep northward along the river valley to a point just opposite the suspected enemy location, then to attack to the east toward the enemy battalion. At the same time, a blocking force would be landed by helicopter behind the enemy to deny the latter avenues of escape to the east. While all of this was taking place, trails leading to the north would be interdicted with extensive air strikes to further seal off the enemy unit.

At 0730, 18 September 1965, Task Force Mark, commanded by Major Mark Hansen and consisting of Company A, 2d Battalion, 327th US Infantry; Company A, 1st Battalion, 17th US Cavalry; the 2d Battalion, 320th US Artillery; and a platoon of tanks from the 2d Battalion, 7th US Marines, began moving along the river, over ter-

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<sup>1</sup> After action report adapted by CPT James L. Shepard, USA.

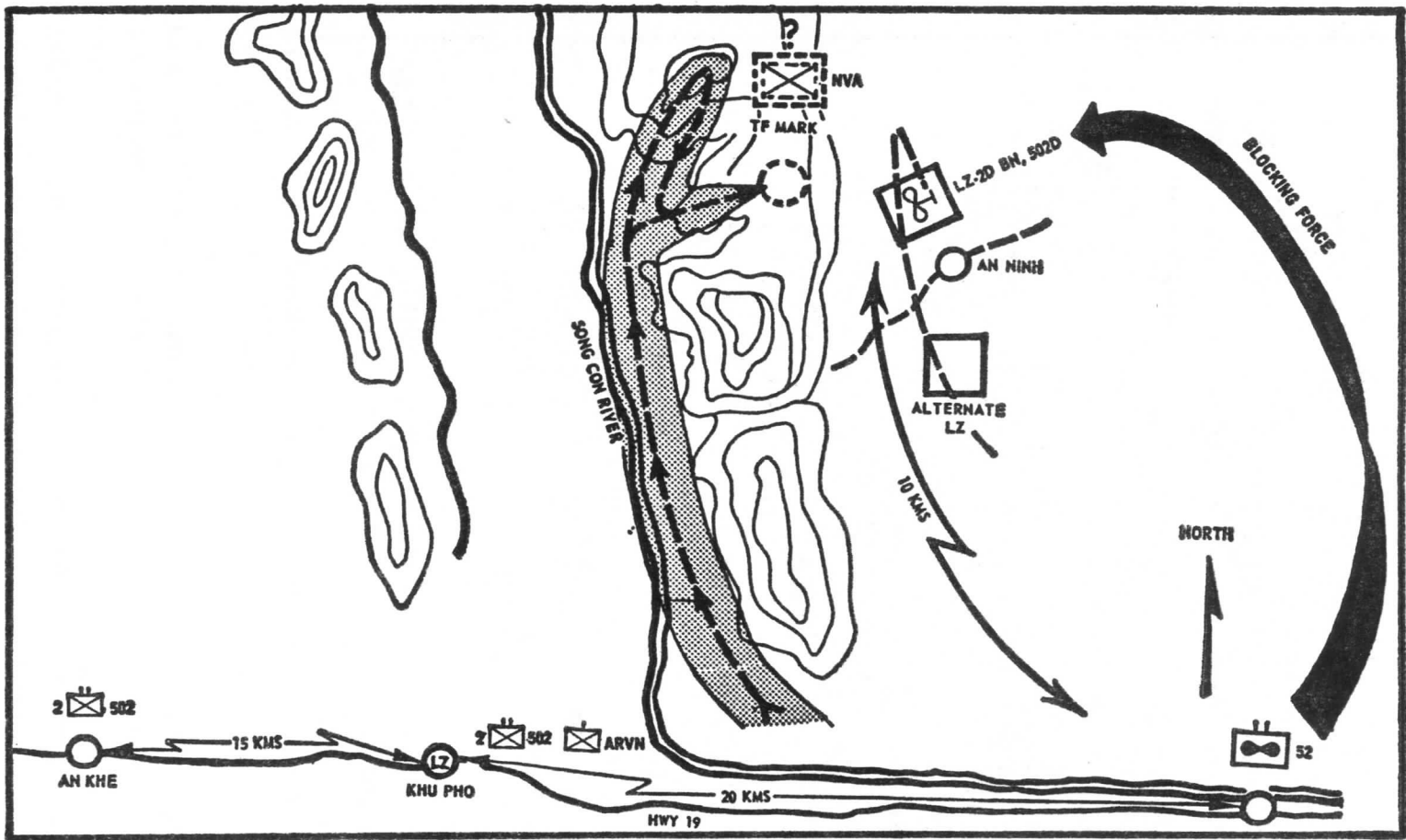
rain that proved far more difficult to traverse than had been expected.

Earlier that same morning the 2d Battalion, 502d US Infantry—the blocking force—had moved by motor convoy from an assembly area at the east end of An Khe pass southeast along Highway 19 to a landing zone near Khu Pho. There it was joined by a South Vietnamese Army (ARVN) Ranger company which would stay with the battalion for the operation. Led by Lieutenant Colonel Wilfrid K. G. Smith, the 2d Battalion was expected to conduct a heliborne assault to the southeast of the suspected enemy battalion near the village of An Ninh, move rapidly northwest into the mountains, and set up six blocking positions along key trail intersections. The battalion had been tailored for combat in the mountains and consisted of three rifle companies plus the attached ARVN Ranger company; mortars and recoilless rifles had been left behind because the general consensus had been that those weapons could not be carried or effectively employed in the difficult terrain in which the battalion would be operating. (*Map 35*)

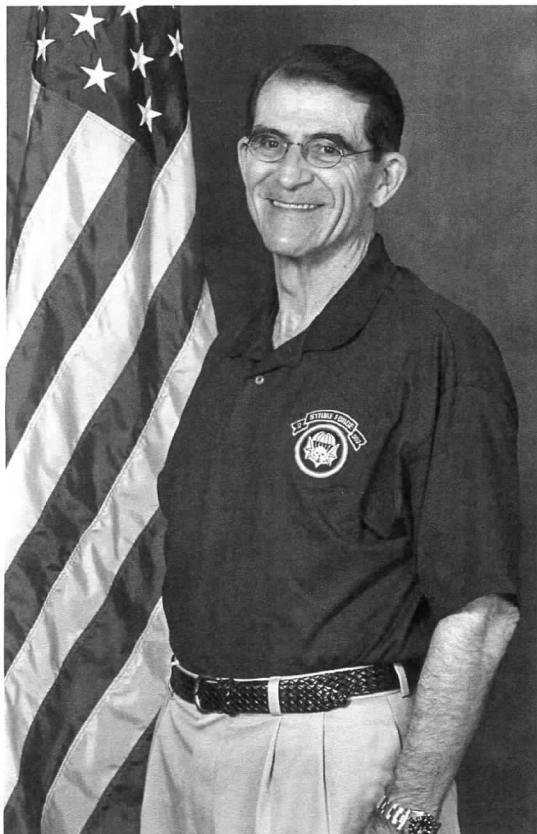
The 52d US Aviation Battalion had been designated to support the airmobile assault. Eleven UH-1D helicopters from the 117th US Aviation Company, eight UH-1B helicopters from Company A, 52d Aviation Battalion, and seven CH-34 helicopters from the 7th US Marines were available for the troop lift, while nine UH-1B armed helicopters were available to provide close air support. The troop transport helicopters could introduce 140 men per lift, and Smith had planned for four lifts to transport his battalion to the landing zone. The flight time for each lift would be 15 minutes.

The first lift, carrying 138 soldiers from Company C, commanded by Captain Robert E. Rawls, and a two-man air control team, touched down on its designated landing zone at 0715, 18 September. Although they encountered some resistance, the platoons rapidly assembled in predesignated areas to secure the LZ, while Rawls moved about adjusting positions to insure all-around security. Eventually, he would suffer mortal wounds while directing his 3d Platoon to move to a new location. (*Map 36*)

The second lift, with the remainder of Company C, two platoons from Company B, and the battalion's tactical command post aboard, approached the LZ at 0730 under intense enemy small arms and au-



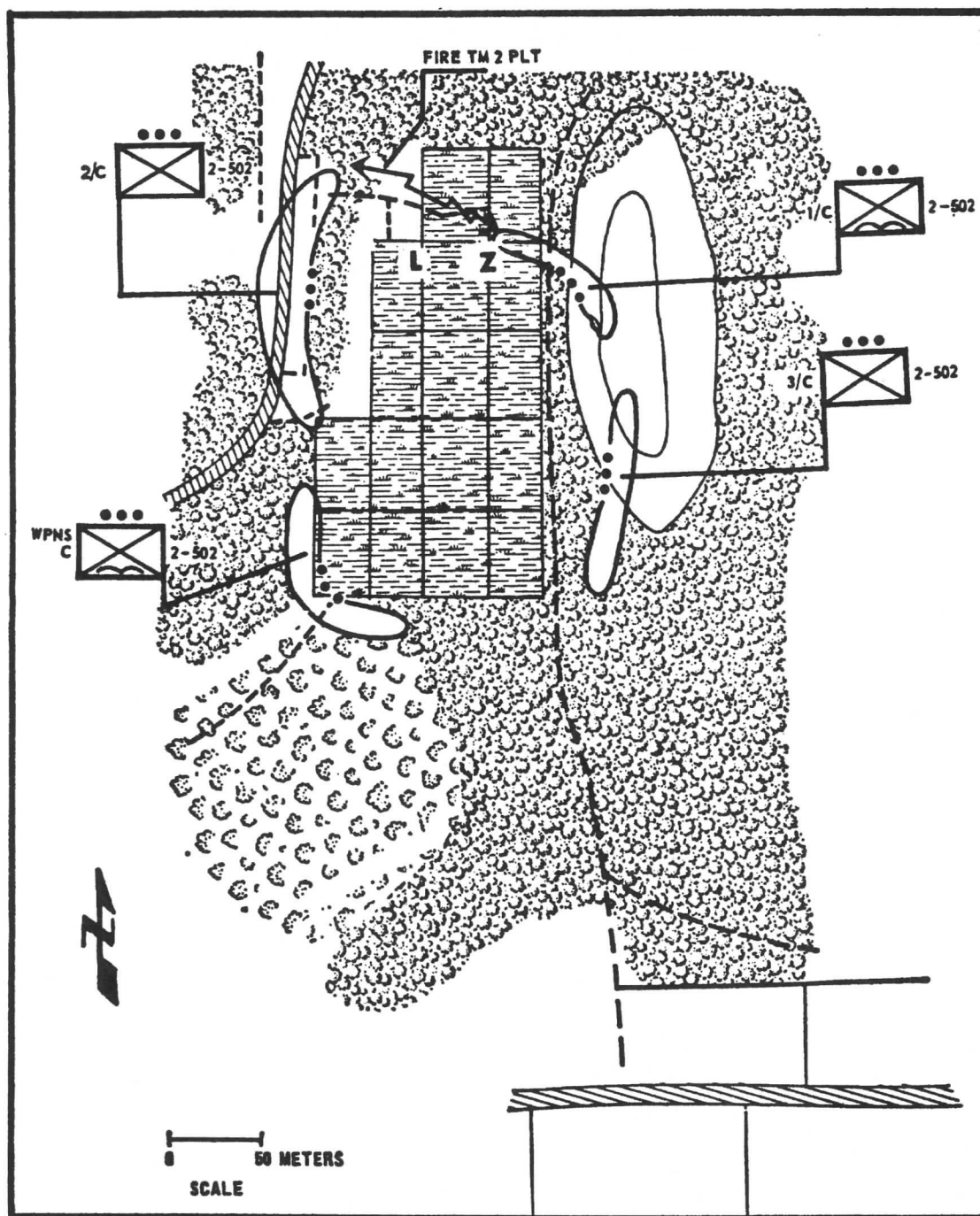
Map 35. Plan of Action



COL(R) Gerard Landry, 2/502 A 7/64-7/66



Wilford E. Roe, 2/502 B CO 8/64-9/65



Map 36. Air Assault by Company C

automatic weapons fire. One of the platoons from Company B failed to touch down because of the heavy fire and returned to the loading zone.

Captain Wilford E. Roe, Company B's commander, was wounded while still in a helicopter, and Second Lieutenant Howard R. Reeves assumed command of those Company B elements that had reached the landing zone. Reeves managed to assemble the men at the north-

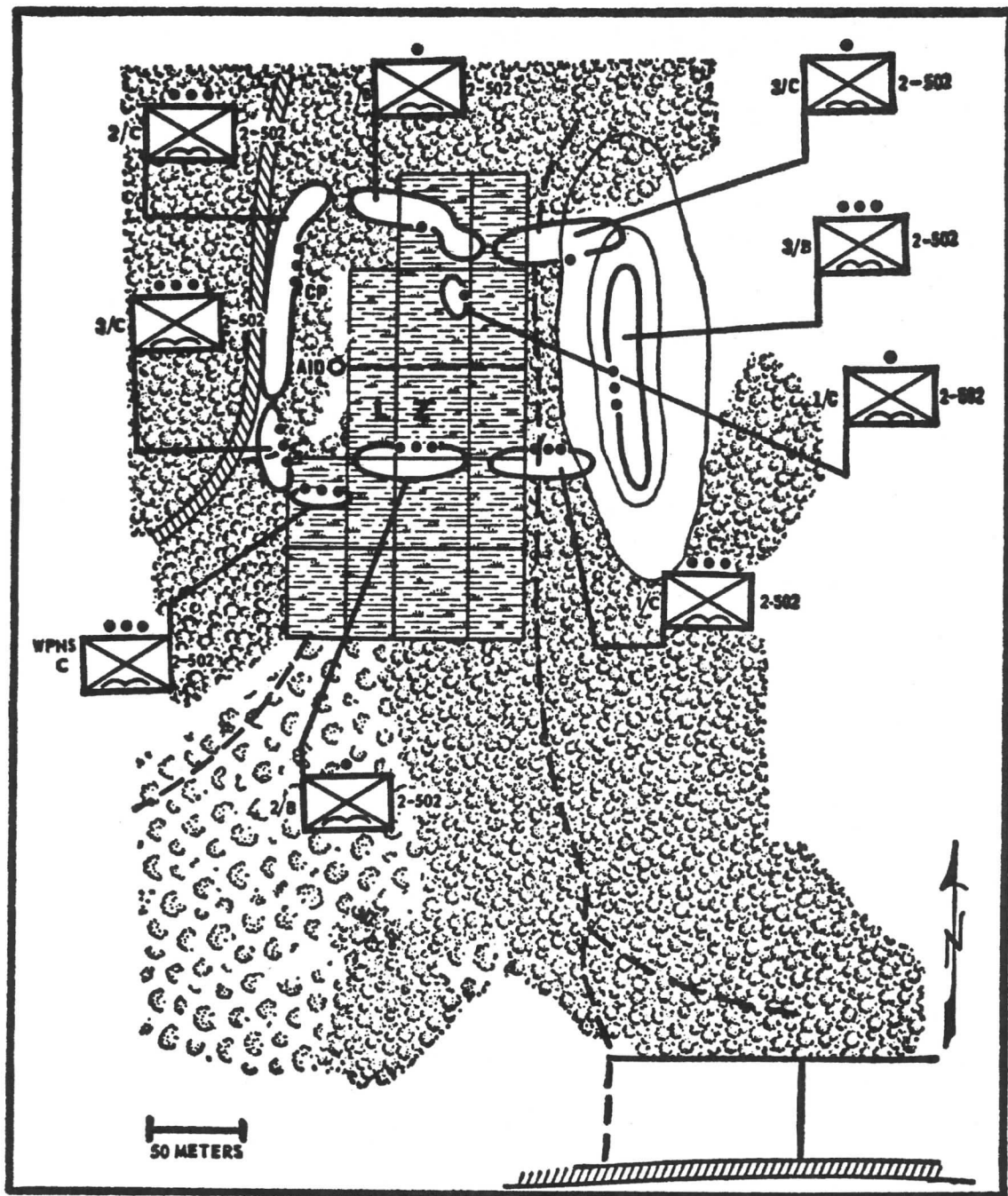


west corner of the landing zone, and to put them into defensive positions filling major gaps in Company C's perimeter. (*Map 37*)

The heavy and effective enemy fire had also caused some damage to the helicopters—two had been downed during the landing, a CH-34 and a UH-1D, while the remainder were grounded when they returned to the loading zone because of hits they had taken. The lift capability of the supporting helicopter units thus had been reduced to about 60 men, and the armed UH-1Bs had to return to An Khe and Qui Nhon for additional ammunition before the third lift could get underway.

Just after 0800, very heavy enemy 60mm and 82mm mortar fire rained into the perimeter, and Company C's 1st Platoon was forced to pull back to more covered positions behind a paddy dike at the base of the hill. Just a short time later, Lieutenant Edward C. Schillo's 3d Platoon, Company B, was forced from the former enemy camp site it had been occupying back through Company C's 2d Platoon.

Colonel Smith with 224 men was now in a hasty perimeter defensive position surrounded by an estimated two enemy battalions. Armed helicopters were Smith's only means of fire support until 0900 when US Air Force fighter aircraft arrived overhead; the 47 sorties that would be flown throughout the day would play a most important role in Smith's plans. The initial air strikes did prevent the enemy from launching a concentrated attack, though, and at 0920 the third lift attempted a landing on an alternate landing zone 800 meters south of the airhead. On board the helicopters were 60 men from Companies A and B led by the Company A commander, Captain Gerald Landry. But once again, extremely heavy enemy fire was directed at the LZ during the landing attempt, and the 117th Aviation Company helicopters could land but 8 men from Company A, under the control of Platoon Sergeant Robert L. Jack, and 28 men from Company B, led by Platoon Sergeant Robert Wightman, at two separate locations. These small units fought independently until they were able to link up at 1200; but even though communications were established with Colonel Smith at the airhead, the 36 soldiers would remain isolated and unable to move until the next morning. Captain Landry had been wounded during the landing and had been evacuated, and Lieutenant Charlie Y. Talbott assumed command of the



Map 37. Perimeter Defense

company back at the departure airfield. In the space of three hours, or less, all three of the company commanders had been knocked out of the action.

Three of the helicopters in the third lift had been shot down during the landing attempt, while most of the rest had aborted because of the enemy fire and returned to the departure field. There, after a quick mechanical inspection, all 26 of the troop lift helicopters were grounded because of mechanical difficulties caused by the enemy's

fire at the landing zones, although five of the armed helicopters remained in action and continued to support the ground action.

On the hill, a series of enemy attacks and 2d Battalion counterattacks took place during the course of the morning, and Colonel Smith had his hands full in trying to organize the airhead. Smith did receive word that Colonel Timothy had ordered Task Force Mark to move to his relief across the mountains from the west and that every effort was being made to procure additional helicopters for resupply purposes, for medical evacuation, and to lift the remainder of the battalion to an alternate landing zone nearby.

At 1330 two helicopters from the 1st US Cavalry Division arrived with sling loads of ammunition and one 81mm mortar with 80 mortar rounds. Five wounded were evacuated on the two helicopters even though they had to make a hurried departure as the enemy began concentrating his fires on the two ships. A little later a CH-47 helicopter tried to land to evacuate more of Smith's wounded, but when the crew chief was killed and the co-pilot wounded, the mission was called off before it could be completed.

During the remainder of the afternoon, the 2d Battalion defended against periodic enemy probes. Occasionally, intense enemy fire was received, particularly when helicopters tried to land and take out the wounded. Three medical evacuation helicopters made unsuccessful attempts to lift out wounded personnel, although at 1600 a UH-1B helicopter managed to evacuate two of the wounded from the little force at the alternate landing zone.

Try as he could, Colonel Smith did not feel that he and his small force could fully stabilize the situation at his position unless he received additional help—he estimated three additional companies would be required to make the situation tenable. Timothy agreed with Smith's estimate, and made plans to dispatch another task force, this one to be led by Lieutenant Colonel Edward V. Collins, the commander of the 2d Battalion, 327th US Infantry, to Smith's aid. Task Force Mark was ordered to continue its push to the west and to get on to the heights overlooking An Ninh as soon as possible.

Collins' task force, which included the rest of Smith's battalion, one company from his own battalion, and two ARVN Ranger companies, began loading at 1600 into 18 UH-1D helicopters, seven UH-1D helicopters, and one CH-47 helicopter borrowed from the 1st US Cavalry Division, for an airmobile assault on an alternate


landing zone 5,000 meters east of Smith's besieged airhead. The assault went off without a problem, although two full lifts were required to transport the task force, and the CH-47 had to make two additional lifts to move in the last of the ARVN Rangers.

Collins started moving his men to the west immediately upon landing. Meanwhile, artillery accompanying Task Force Mark had moved into supporting positions on the east bank of the river, using CH-47 helicopters also borrowed from the 1st US Cavalry Division. Because of the difficulty in effecting a night linkup in the face of heavy enemy contact, and because of the possibility of an enemy ambush of Collins' task force, however, Timothy concurred in the recommendations made to him by both Smith and Collins that Collins' men should organize defensive positions for the night about 2,000 meters southeast of Smith's battalion.

Flareships and artillery fire provided continuous illumination over Smith's unit during the night, and in the dim light provided by the flares the men could see enemy soldiers moving in front of their perimeter collecting bodies and equipment. The enemy did probe the perimeter on six different occasions, usually when a new flareship was adjusting its pattern.

When morning came, Smith reported that only two enemy platoons remained in contact and that the rest had withdrawn during the night. At 1000, Task Force Collins linked up with the eight men from Company A and the remaining men from Company B on the alternate landing zone. Then, at 1315, Smith's men were extracted from their hill positions by helicopter, while Task Force Collins remained to search the area and later to link up with Task Force Mark.

The spirit of the offense which had characterized the 2d Battalion's heliborne landing rapidly deteriorated to a hasty defense, for the battalion had conducted its assault into the training area and base camp of the 95th and 94th Battalions of the 2d NVA Regiment and was soon surrounded by a numerically superior enemy force. In fact, the landing zone itself was later determined to be an established objective for the enemy's training exercises.

This operation was one of the first conducted by the 1st Brigade, 101st US Airborne Division in Vietnam, and the lessons learned were to pay great dividends in the months that were to come. 

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+ GARY BILLS, 2/327 A 10/66-10/67  
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Along with his subscription renewal Bills wrote: Keep up the good work. I always have to stop and read it cover to cover as soon as it arrives. Airborne!

+ DAVID J. MARKHAM, 1/327 C 10/66-10/67  
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Always good to receive the new "The First Screaming Eagles" magazine. I enjoy reading them cover to cover and just remembering back to our younger days. I also look forward to seeing you each year at Ken and Angie's "COBRA" reunions.

In addition to my order please find my magazine renewal fee.

David J. Markham, 327<sup>th</sup> DMOR

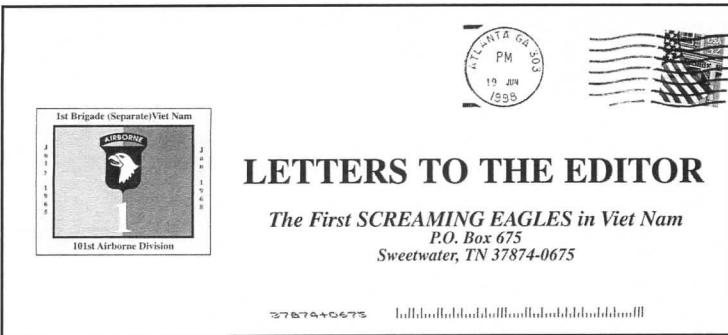
+ JOHN L. PATTEN, 2/320 ARTY HQ 4/67-10/67, 600 Vine Street, Middletown, PA 17057-2263, (717) 944-4940 sent this letter along with his subscription renewal.

Thanks for keeping the memories alive. I look forward to each edition of the journal and do a cover to cover read whenever it appears.

Consider including the story of Webster (Andy) Anderson in a future edition if you have the details. Andy was the only artilleryman of the 101<sup>st</sup> to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in Vietnam for action that occurred in October of 1967. I met up with Andy 33 years later at a parade in a town near Philadelphia (he actually grew up in the Frankford area of Philadelphia but it was not his home of record). He was in uniform and had a hook for a right hand and his right leg had been amputated. He was the parade marshal at a Veterans' Day event. A high school student asked him, if knowing what he knew then, would he do it all again and Andy replied, "Son, if my country asked me I would also give my left arm." An inspiring remark from a good soldier who loved his country without reservation. Andy's battery commander was Capt. Craig Manderville who, I am told, lives in California. His first sergeant was MSGT Zemprelli who retired at Fayetteville, North Carolina, and owned a number of "Zs Pizzarias."

Enclosed is my renewal for another year and a tad extra for the expenses you incur in doing this great service. Airborne.

*Editor's Note: John, thank you for the letter and kind words. I have published a very comprehensive story about Webster Anderson. It was in the October 2007 issue of THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam an issue published before you became a subscriber.*



## E-MAIL

### Prosthetic Decor

Monday, January 23, 2012  
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This is a hoot. We all know about 101st exceptionalism, about its storied history and reputation, about that unique bond, that intangible mystique that gets under your skin when you serve in the 101st and makes you a Screaming Eagle for life.

Well here is a picture that illustrates what we all know. This is a prosthesis that belongs to a Screaming Eagle vet who lost a leg to a land mine. But this Eagle is not a 20-something from Afghanistan or Iraq, as you might expect. Oh no.

This standing-tall, can-do, squared-away, STRACK Screaming Eagle is over 90 years old. He served in the Airborne in WWII, in Korea and in Vietnam, where he lost his leg. He sports five (5) Purple Hearts and a host of other decorations, among them the DSC. He remained on Ac Du 'til retirement and he may be credited as the Father of the Command Sergeant Major system the Army now uses.

Who is he? He is Col. Melvin Garten, CO of 2/327 in Vietnam until he lost his leg to a mine while manning a 50 cal. mounted on a jeep. A few of you knew exactly who I was talking about before I mentioned his name, because he was our Battalion CO. Ya gotta love an old warrior like Mel. If you run into someone who is not so sure about that 101st Abn, "Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle" stuff, show 'em this! Enjoy. :-> Chuck Payne



+ COL(R) GEORGE W. AUX, JR., 2/320 FA HHB, A, B 1/67-8/68, 1529 Crenshaw Point, Wake Forest, NC 27587-7378, (919) 435-7007 wrote: I was not sure when I'm due to re-up – so here it is anyway.

I just returned from a trip to Riverside, CA, home of March AFB (fine museum) and the Riverside National Cemetery. The cemetery hosts the National Medal of Honor Memorial and is very impressive and up to date.

Hope all is well with all.

P.S. Maybe I'll be able to get to Nashville in August.

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+ FRANKLIN C. (LIN) HASKINS (“Bugs and Gas”), HHC 6/66-6/67, 4601 Gilling Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23464-5829, work (757) 727-4411 home (757) 270-9804 sent the following letter along with his subscription renewal.

My apologies for being late. Had planned to get you a check in December – totally got carried away with the holidays.

Thanks so much for what you are doing to keep us all connected. Your efforts really mean a lot to all of us.

We just had a local chapter meeting of the Division Association. Most of us are 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade old timers. However, we have two who are WWII vets. One, Ed Shames, is an original member of the “Band of Brothers” and is now 91 years young and drove us from Virginia Beach to our meeting in Richmond. The other gentleman is Norwood Thomas who is, I think, 89 and made a tandem parachute jump two summers ago.

Chuck Payne, Jim Shamblen and wife and I are currently planning to come to Nashville this August for our reunion and stay for the National Reunion.

Look forward to seeing you.

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+ NANCY HESLER, Associate, 602 Taft Ave., Charleston, IL 61920-4133, (217) 345-5377 sent the following with her subscription renewal. Am slow this year getting my fee into you. After reading the magazine cover to cover, I take them to our public library in the genealogy section. The articles (first-hand) and stories are an excellent source for those who were there – or not. Keep up the good work – sorry you needed to send the reminder.

*Editor's Note: Nancy Hesler, whose husband Ken served in Battery D 463<sup>rd</sup> Parachute Field Artillery Battalion during World War II, has been a loyal reader since early 2007.*

*Editor's Note: This letter refers to the center section, page 19 of the January 2012 issue.*

+ SFC(R) SANTANA CARNERO, 1/327 HHQ TF 11/65-7/67, 303 S. Teresa, Monahans, TX 79756-7111, work (915) 586-3671 home (915) 943-8142 sent the following.

I was just reading this month's issue of the “Always First Brigade” and came upon the article of the Tiger Force 23% extensions. I thought it was higher. I extended sometime in late July or Aug 1966; we were in Hill 51. I do not know if anybody had extended before me but I know that after I extended there were a lot of other Tigers who extended to stay in the platoon. It was a way for us to stay together.

We used to get people who would extend in their units to come and join Tiger Force and some would just volunteer if they had enough time left in Country. I volunteered for Tiger Force in Jan or Feb 66 but we (Rocky and I) were not released from our unit until late May 1966. Rocky was KIA in June 1966 in Dak To.

I extended to stay in Tiger Force because I wanted to complete at least a full year in the Tiger Force. I stayed with the Tigers until July 1967.

I never gave it any thought about our mission being hard and dangerous. I believe that the way we operated was safer than the line companies unless we were ever caught out on Recon missions, which we normally went out in light teams (five or six men).

During my time I was very lucky and did my 12 month out with the Tigers and a few weeks in the hospital and a 30 day leave in Jan 67. I served very proudly for 14 months with Tiger Force.

Hope to see more Tigers at our next reunion.

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### 1st Brigade (S) CHALLENGE COIN

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



See order form on page 34

# OBITUARIES



*ISG(R) Edward J. Dube*  
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**At Fort Bragg after Viet Nam**

## Ed Dube remembered for his service, bravery

By Alana Melanson, [amelanson@sentinelandenterprise.com](mailto:amelanson@sentinelandenterprise.com)  
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WESTMINSTER -- Ed Dube had a knack for saving people's lives, including a co-worker suffering from a heart attack during his time as a security guard at Digital Equipment Corp., and he was always planning an escape route should disaster strike.

"One time, when we were first dating, we went to a stage play in an old wooden church. We were sitting toward the back, and he said to me, 'If there's a fire, I'll jump out that window and wait for you to jump, and I'll catch you,'" Claire Dube, 83, said.

Ed and Claire Dube, then Claire Masse, met through a blind date in 1989, and married in 1991. While Ed Dube was serving his country in the military, Claire Dube had been serving the Catholic Church as a nun for 27 years.

"He was always in a position of command, protection or service," Claire Dube said. Besides his time in the military and as a part-time police officer, he was also a Fire Department volunteer, a security guard, post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Douglas E. Hicks Post 7389, Council on Aging member and veterans agent for Westminster from 2004 until his death.

Ed Dube served in the U.S. Army for 22 years, fighting first in the Korean War and then retiring as a first sergeant in 1972 after being wounded in the Vietnam War.

"He said he was wounded twice in 13 days," Claire Dube said, adding that both incidents involved cranial gunshot wounds from enemy bullets.

According to Ed Dube's sister-in-law, Lyette "Lee" Dube of Westminster, who was married to his brother, William Dube, until his death in 2008, Ed Dube rarely discussed the medals, awards and other items of recognition he received throughout his military service, of which there were many.

"He always kept his bravery to himself," Lyette Dube said. "He was a decent, kind and courageous warrior. He was self-effacing. He did everything without fanfare and was never looking for kudos."

Aside from the Purple Hearts with a first oak-leaf cluster, Ed Dube also received a Bronze Star with a Valor Device for his actions

in Vietnam and finished his career with decorations including the Master Parachutist Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with second oak-leaf cluster, Combat Infantry Badge and an Army Commendation Medal, among others.

Ed Dube's Bronze Star came from his time as first sergeant of the 101st Airborne Division, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry during a combat operation in Vietnam, when he assumed control of the command post out of necessity.

"Everyone in the company except First Sgt. Dube was wounded," the letter accompanying his medal states. "With complete disregard for his own personal safety, First Sergeant Dube himself manned the three radio nets until some radio telephone operators from the platoons could be secured. Under conditions of very poor visibility, First Sergeant Dube guided in a series of medical evacuation helicopters until all of the company's injured were extracted. Throughout the remainder of the day and night, First Sgt. Dube repeatedly traversed the perimeter, exposing himself again and again to enemy fire, and succeeded in preventing further friendly casualties."

One of the men he saved during that event was his commander Capt. Larry Redmond, whom he assumed had died due to the severity of his injuries.

"A mortar round landed in our trench," said the 71-year-old Redmond, who traveled from his home in Poinciana, Fla., to attend the funeral on Tuesday. "Ed called in the medivacs for me, helped load me in the helicopter and saved my life."

Redmond said he sustained what he called a sucking chest wound, which required 250 stitches to close. It wasn't until a company reunion in Columbus, Ga., in 2000 that the two were reunited.

"When he saw me, he said, 'Oh my God, Capt. Redmond, you were dead!' and gave me a great big hug," Redmond said. "We've been friends ever since."

Ed Dube's health -- at the end of a nine-year battle with prostate, colon, liver and lung cancer -- hit a low point with a bout of pneumonia, though Claire Dube says staff at the Golden Living Center in Fitchburg, where Ed Dube spent his final days, are unsure which piece, or pieces, of the puzzle ultimately took his life on Jan. 8 at the age of 82.

"Other men Ed Dube served with traveled from Arizona and Virginia to pay their respects," Claire Dube said.

She fondly remembers the eulogy given by the Rev. William Champlin of St. Edward the Confessor Church in Westminster, about how opposites attract.

"Ed was a locksmith; I could never handle keys," Claire Dube said with a smile. "I'd lose them and he'd find them for me. He was punctual; I was always late."





Ed and Claire Dube at the Atlanta Reunion in 2006

The following was sent by Larry Redmond A 327 NoSlack 5/67-2/68:

**Subject: DMOR 327th Regiment First Sergeant Ed Dube, another eagle has soared.**

First Sergeant Ed Dube, A Company, 2-327, Viet Nam 67-68 was laid to rest on Tuesday the 17th of January.

The services included a celebration of Ed's life on Monday night the 16th at the funeral home in Westminster, Massachusetts. There was a large crowd and the VFW Chapter held a ceremony while Westminster Police stood Honor Guard. Ed had been a police officer there following retirement from the Army and was very active in the VFW around Massachusetts. On Tuesday the 17th a Funeral Mass was held at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Westminster followed by interment at the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Winchendon, Massachusetts. A firing party from the VFW fired the salute and a burial/flag detail from the Massachusetts Army NG provided a most impressive and flag detail. Very sharp troops. Precise and all properly 'squared away' as Ed would have insisted.

Ed served in the U.S. Army for 22 years serving first in the Korean War and twice in Viet Nam. He served in various airborne assignments in Germany and at Fort Bragg. He always said he was most proud of his time with A Company and thought the world of his troops. That feeling was shared by his men. Wounded twice while serving with A Company, and awarded the Bronze Star for Valor, it is easy to understand his feelings toward that unit and its men.

Following the war, Ed worked as chief of security at a Digital Equipment Company facility in Westminster, MA. He also served for many years as a part time police officer and volunteer fireman as well as Commander of the local VFW Post. He was a member of the Council on Aging and the Veterans Agent for the Westminster area from 2004 until his death. He fought the good fight having battled the BIG C for nine years.

Representing A Company from Viet Nam were Billy Weldon who came from Arizona, Barry Devanna who came from Massachusetts, John Lawton who came from Virginia and Larry Redmond who came from Florida. It was a most fitting and meaningful send off to a super and highly regarded paratrooper and patriot.

May he rest in peace. The foxholes continue to get further apart.

**CSM (R) Donald H. Caver, Sr.**  
**SPT BN C 7/65-6/66**

CSM (RET) Donald H. Caver, Sr., passed away at the age of 72 on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at Alive Hospice in Nashville, Tennessee.

Donald Caver was born on 25 June 1938, in Autauga County, Alabama. He joined the United States Army in 1955, and attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC. During his service, he served two tours in Vietnam, two tours in Korea and one in Okinawa. Other duty stations included Fort Campbell, KY; Fort Bragg, NC; Fort Benning, GA; Queens, NY; Fort Lee, VA; Columbus, OH; Fort Stewart, GA; Fort Bliss, TX; Fort Huachuca, AZ; USACC Taipei, Taiwan. He spent his last six years with HQ 29th Transportation Battalion; Headquarters Command, Eagle Support Brigade; and as the CSM, 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault at Fort Campbell, KY. He retired from the US Army 30 September 1985. After retiring from the Army he ran the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for fifteen years. In 2000, he retired for good.

CSM Caver's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Army Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), Overseas Service Ribbon (1), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/7 Campaign Stars, Vietnam Service Medal w/60 Device, Bronze Star Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Master Parachute Badge, Ranger Tab, Overseas Bars (3), Combat Infantry Badge, Army Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), NCO Professional Development Ribbon (5), Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal. Extension of service was at the request and for the convenience of the government.

This great American soldier, husband, father and grandfather was cremated and his remains rest in the wall of the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, Hopkinsville, KY, niche number 3-060. CSM Caver is survived by his wife, Joyce of 45 years, three sons, Donny (Susan), Mike (Linda) and Ken (Gabina), two grandchildren, Adam and Brittany and two step-grandchildren, Kyle and Ethan Myrick.

*Editor's Note: This obituary was received January 17, 2012, from Joyce Caver after receiving a renewal notice sent out to lapsed subscribers. If I am not notified that someone is deceased, I have no way of updating my database.*

**LTC (R) James C. Joiner**  
**2/327 B&C 1/67-1/68**  
**August 17, 1936 -**  
**December 29, 2011**

Joiner, James C. (Jungle Jim) age 75 of Tampa and Pompano Beach, Florida, passed away on December 29th, 2011. Predeceased by his son, Alan D. Joiner, he is survived by his wife of 23 years, Margaret (Michele) Meaney Noonan Joiner; by sons:





Christopher J. Joiner and Stephan W. Joiner; step-sons: John J. Noonan, Michael P. Noonan and Timothy P. Noonan and by nine grandchildren. He was a graduate of Plant High and the University of Tampa. After 26 years of service as a LTC, he retired from the US Army. He was awarded numerous medals for Valor and Service, including the Purple Heart, for his service in Vietnam. James was most proud of his service in the 101st Airborne Division in VN where he was a Platoon Leader and Company Commander in 2/327th IN BN. He was the Past President of the 101st Airborne Division Association and Chairman of the Board. Furthermore, he served as White House Aide under President Johnson and the Old Guard. Last active duty assignment was working for the Secretary of the Army as Legislative Liaison. He later became Deputy Director of the US/Saudi Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation, Ryhad, Saudi Arabia. Most recently he worked as Law Firm Administrator for two large firms in Fort Lauderdale and St. Petersburg. The family received guests at the funeral home on Saturday, January 21st, 2012, from 2-4pm followed by a funeral service at 4:00pm. Interment is pending with full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Arrangements were made by: Kraeer Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 200 N. Federal Hwy, Pompano Beach, FL 33062. www.kraeerpompanobeach.net

**Editor's Note: More information of his burial at Arlington National Cemetery will be published in the JULY 2012 issue.**

**Brien Richards**  
2/502 HHC 9/66-9/67

Brien J. Richards passed away on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, in Kingman. He was born December 6, 1946, in Bellevue, Washington, to Bryce and Doris Richards.

Brien served his country in the U.S. Army and the Arizona National Guard. He was in law enforcement for many years at the Mohave County Sheriff's Office, the Kingman Police Department, the Wickenburg Police Department and the Navajo Army Depot.

He touched many people that will remember him as a kind, caring, passionate, faithful and godly man.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Diane; his caring daughter, Brianna; his precious granddaughters, Kaeley and Alexis, of Kingman. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Allen and Anna Richards of Texas; his "mom" Alice Talk; his sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws, Debbie and Steve Francis, Doug and Cheryl Talk and David and Debbie Talk; his nieces and nephews, Christie Francis, Steven Francis, Thomas Francis, Doug Talk Jr., Danielle Talk, Christian Adragna, Megan Talk, Wyatt Talk and Justin Talk; his many wonderful cousins; and many good friends. He is also survived by his devoted companions, his dog, KiKi and his cats, Princess and Priscilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bryce and Doris Richards.

A celebration of life was held at the family home on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

His remains will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Kingman Daily Miner**  
**Reader Comments**

Posted: Monday, February 13, 2012  
Article comment by: **Paul Grimes**

Brien is surely being rewarded for his good life in GOD's kingdom! Brien's military service was understated in his obituary. Brien was a very proud former 101st Airborne Paratrooper. We served together but weren't "pals" back in VN. We've communicated online over the past 10-12 years. In Vietnam Brien was a member of the 2/502nd Infantry Btn's Recondos. This elite group was authorized to wear black berets w/ a diamond 2/502nd insignia. Brien survived dozens of dangerous patrols, and many firefights, one where the enemy engaged Brien's Recondo unit in hand-to-hand combat. Brien had a huge heart and loved Jesus! I'm sure he's now thanking HIM for HIS protection during all the combat violence Brien survived in Vietnam back in 1966-67! GOD bless you, Brien!

Posted: Monday, February 13, 2012  
Article comment by: **Mike O'Neill**

Just heard that we lost another former RECONDO. My best to Diane and all of Brien's friends and family. Hope now that he is up in Ft. Heaven he can hook up with our son Evan and spend eternity in peace.

Obituary: Brien Richards - **Kingman Daily Miner** - Kingman, Arizona

Monday, February 13, 2012

**From: James Brinker**  
Brinker101@charter.net

Brien was in Recon 2-502 -1967 Highly decorated. JIM B

**Editor's Note: Sent by James P. Brinker, 2/502 E 12/69-11/70, who is a subscriber as is Michael J. O'Neill, 2/502 RECON 6/66-12/67. Paul E. Grimes, 2/502 HHC S-4 12/66-7/67, is a lapsed subscriber. Brien Richards, 2/502 HHC 9/66-9/67, was also a lapsed subscriber.**

**1st SGT(R) Wayne Smith**  
2/502 HQ 3/67-3/68

Wayne Smith's renewal letter was returned marked subscriber is deceased. Later I received a change of address for Wayne in Biloxi, Mississippi. I wrote a letter to his family about sending an obituary on Wayne but have had no response. If anyone could help with an obituary, I would appreciate it.

Obituaries listed in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Association THE SCREAMING EAGLE magazine (winter 2011)

These troopers were listed in the database but were not subscribers.

Raymond G. Morse 2/327 HHC 64-68 Hudson, NH Deceased 5/21/2011	Charles L. Stratton 2/502 RECON 67 Sun City, AZ Deceased - no date given	John L. Thomas 2/327 C Perryville, MD Deceased 02/2011
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# FIRST BRIGADE SCRAPBOOK



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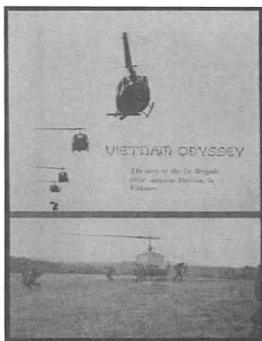
The SCRAPBOOK contains 105 8.5 x 11 inch pages and is three hole punched ready to be secured in a regular three ring notebook. Great care was taken to make copies that are true to the original.

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**VIETNAM ODYSSEY, The First Year** is available for ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE veterans.

The story of the first year of action of the 1st Brigade in Vietnam is filled with photos of brigade activities written accounts of all operations, drawings by brigade artists, statistics and other interesting personal and unit material.

The book was edited by 1LT Charles J. Apodaca. The writing and layout was done by SGT Robert F. Barry with sketches and art by SGT Robert Finney and PFC Raymond Brown. Photographs were by SGT Bernardo Mangaboyat, SP4 Richard Houghton, SP4 Oddvar Breiland and SGT Jack Baird. PFC Robert B. Gray furnished special mechanical assistance. Frank Faulkner and Steven Van Meter, who served with the brigade for the first six



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.



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 form. Those mentioned in this paper, who are in the First Brigade (S) database, are listed below. You will note Barry's comments on some stories and pictures.

**Front page:**

*Silver Star To 'No Slack' Company CO, LTC (R) Charles T. (Tom) Furgeson* 2/327 A & HHC 5/66-5/67.

*DSC's To Gunslinger, Sgt Yost, Decorated For Heroism During Opn Geronimo I,* MAJ (R) Burrwood Yost, 2/502 C & LRRP 12/65-7/67.

**Page 2,**

Photo, *House Call*, \*Thomas Bligh, HHC 7/66-6/67. The photographer and writer for this photo and story was MAJ (R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67.

*Bee Attack Gives 2/327 'No Slack,'* written by William P. Singley, BDE HQ PIO 67.

*Scrapbooks Available After Rotation*, refers to the scrapbook advertised in the upper left of this page which is a reprint of the totality of scrapbooks produced for the First Brigade (S).

**Page 3,**

*326th Engineers Receive Meritorious Unit Citation*, \*David K. Sallee, CO 326 Eng A 66-67. His mail, in 2005, was returned marked *temporarily away*.

**Page 4,**

*Military Intelligence Plays Important Role In Brigade Mission*, written by William P. Singley, BDE HQ PIO 67.

Photo, *Combat Classes*, taken by Michael A. Willey, BDE PIO 9/66-10/67.

A hand written note below the photograph on the bottom left of this page cautions that it is the wrong caption for this photo. No idea what the correct caption would be.



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# DSC's To Gunslinger, Sgt Yost

## Decorated For Heroism During Opn Geronimo I



**KHANH DUONG** — Distinguished Service Crosses were presented to two "Screaming Eagles" of the 1st Brigade by General W.C. Westmoreland.

General Westmoreland, commander of U.S. Forces in Viet Nam, presented the awards to Lieutenant Colonel Frank L. Dietrich, Traverse City, Mich., and Staff Sergeant Burrwood Yost Jr., Cambridge, Md.

Colonel Dietrich, now brigade executive officer, was decorated for extraordinary heroism as commander of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry during Operation Geronimo I near Tuy Hoa.

Dietrich moved through 800 yards of jungle to another engaged platoon. Moving to the front and facing intense enemy fire, he again encouraged his men forward.

Colonel Dietrich holds three Silver Stars, three Bronze Star Medals, a Purple Heart and two Army Commendation Medals.

Sergeant Yost also was decorated for his actions during Operation Geronimo I.

On Sept. 8, his platoon received intense hostile fire as the last helicopter landed. The 22-year-old squad leader called for suppressive fire as he carried ammunition over 50 yards of open terrain to a friendly machine gun and while receiving intense hostile fire organized a fire team cut off from its leader.

During the action, he three times picked up incoming grenades and hurled them into the open where they exploded harmlessly. He also charged a machine gun position 50 yards away and killed the surprised Viet Cong gun crew. Sergeant Yost repeatedly organized cover fire and destroyed hostile emplacements with grenades.

Later, while in pursuit of the insurgents, he led his squad to within close range before being detected and shouted to draw their fire. Under cover of friendly machine gun fire, he threw grenades into the enemy positions, forcing them to withdraw.

Sergeant Yost also holds the Bronze Star for Valor.



**Yost-Squad leader in Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry**

## Silver Star To 'No Slack' Company CO

**KHANH DUONG** — A company commander of the 1st Brigade who personally led intense street fighting in the village of Trung Luong was awarded the Silver Star here recently.

Captain Charles T. Furgeson, Marion, N. Y., commander of Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, was decorated for his heroic action by General Dwight E. Beach, commander of the U.S. Army in the Pacific who was visiting the "Screaming Eagle" base camp.

During a four-day period in June, Captain Furgeson led the intense street fighting against an entrenched enemy force in Trung Luong. During the initial attack, all four platoon leaders of his company were wounded and had to be evacuated. Captain Furgeson moved forward to directly supervise and guide his NCO platoon leaders throughout the fighting. As casualties began to mount, he formed a defensive perimeter and called for medical evacuation helicopters.

During this period the enemy launched a fierce counterattack, but Captain Furgeson rallied his company to repel several enemy assaults, inflicting serious casualties on the enemy.

The second day he renewed his attack and reached a position three-fourths of the way through the village. Again the casualties were heavy and he was ordered to a more defensible position. His company then had to fight its way back through the village and it was Captain Furgeson who personally led the breakthrough.

During the night his position was harassed by mortar fire and extensive enemy probing. Throughout the

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**"CAN DO WILL DO"**— Major General R.R. Polger, commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Command, presents the Meritorious Unit Citation to Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion (Airborne). The "Screaming Eagle" engineers of the brigade are participating in Operation Summerall, 197 miles northeast of Saigon.

(US Army Photo by SP4 Johnny Jackson)  
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## Jet Pilots Treated To 'Chopper' Ride

**KHANH DUONG** — There is quite a difference in flying a B-57 jet bomber at supersonic speeds and chugging along at 70 to 80 miles an hour in a Huey gunship as five aviators from the 8th Tactical Bomber Squadron based at Phan Rang found out last week.

Invited to the forward area to visit the paratroopers of the 1st Brigade for whom they have been flying close-support missions for the past

six months, the pilots were given the grand tour. Included in the jet jockeys' tour were assignments as doorgunners on HU1D gunships of the 10th Aviation Battalion.

At the conclusion of their visit, Major Willard E. Franklin, Roy, Utah, presented Brigadier General S.H. Matheson, "Screaming Eagle" commanding general, with a plaque from the squadron to the paratroopers of the 1st Brigade.



**"Gunslinger"**—Former "Strike Force" commander

On the morning of Nov. 9, he was informed his unit had contacted an entrenched North Vietnamese Army battalion. Quickly assessing the situation from his command and control helicopter, Colonel Dietrich brilliantly maneuvered his troops and by nightfall the hostile force was surrounded.

As the battle raged, he joined his men on the ground and moved throughout the battlefield to assist his subordinate commanders and comfort the wounded.

On Nov. 11 Colonel Dietrich climbed to the top of a tree with a radio to direct his forces. Exposed to enemy fire for two hours, he deployed his forces and personally supervised the broadcast of surrender appeals.

As the battle progressed, he disregarded his safety by running across 100 yards of bullet-swept terrain and led a successful assault on a stubborn enemy position. Then accompanied only by his radio operator, Colonel

VC Bees?

# Bee Attack Gives 2/327 'No Slack'

by Sp4 William P. Singley

**KHANH DUONG** — What the Viet Cong have been trying to do since July 1965, a swarm of bees accomplished in a matter of minutes recently during Operation Summerall.

A platoon-sized force of the 1st Brigade was forced to retreat.

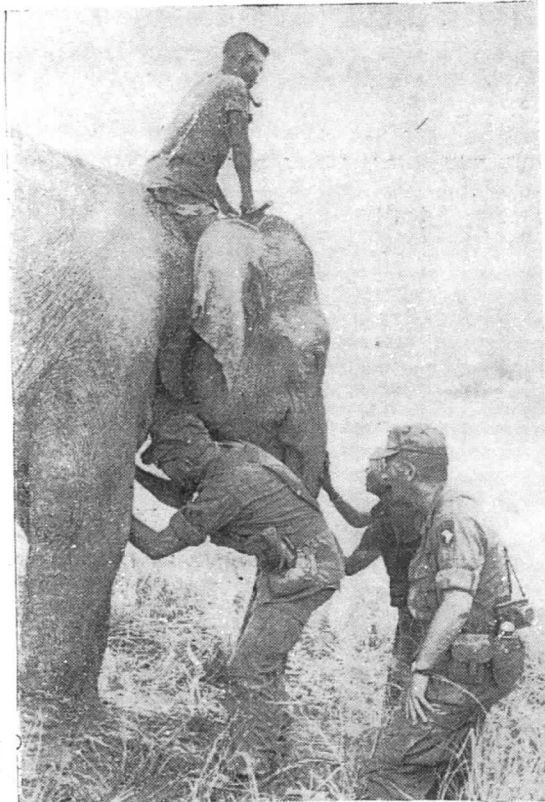
Company B of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, air assaulted into a new area hoping to surprise Charlie. Instead the headquarters section was surprised. As the last chopper departed, the section moved off to establish a command post and perimeter. The other platoons deployed on their search and destroy missions.

As the perimeter was being cleared of brush, someone disturbed one of the mammoth bee-hives frequently found in the jungle. Disaster, in the form of hundreds of furious insects, struck.

With weapons and packs in hand, the section beat a hasty retreat to a nearby hill where a new command post was set up. Enroute, two "Screaming Eagles" were stung so savagely they had to be evacuated.

"I'd rather be in a firefight with the VC than fight those bees," said Sergeant Harold Lewis, Fayetteville, N.C., his face swollen as if he had gone 10 long rounds with Cassius Clay.

Others in the section who suffered the bees' wrath agreed. The bees are welcome to their territory. All Company B wants from now on is contact with the Viet Cong.



*HOUSE CALL*— Major Charles E. Lea, Columbia, Mo., treats a wounded Montagnard elephant while Major Thomas Bligh, Douglaston, N.Y., civil affairs officer for the 1st Brigade looks on. The two "Screaming Eagles" won the hearts of the people when they "cured" the pride of the village. "Khon's" owner sits atop the elephant as his wife rubs the beast's trunk during the treatment. (US Army Photo)

# Brigade Surgeon Treats Elephant

**KHANH DUONG** — There's no end to a combat surgeon's duties. Every type of wound, disease and patient comes to him sooner or later. But Major Charles E. Lea, Columbia, Mo., of the 1st Brigade holds the record.

He recently treated an elephant's gunshot wound in a nearby Montagnard village.

Major Thomas Bligh, Douglaston, N.Y., brigade civil affairs officer, brought the unusual assignment to Major Lea after learning the elephant was shot accidentally. When finished with his other duties, the surgeon visited the village.

"Khon," the pride of the village and big enough to make the "Screaming Eagle" surgeon cautious, lay at the base of a large tree outside the village. She is an important factor in the livelihood of the people, hauling wood down from the forests and carrying goods to the market place. Her injury alarmed the villagers and they were pleased to see the American doctor come to cure their wounded elephant.

The owner Hra brought the elephant to her feet while his wife calmed the beast by rubbing her trunk and speaking softly. With great poise, Major Lea stepped under the trunk and attended to the wound on the inside of the animal's upper left leg.

Probing with his instruments, he quickly came up with the offending bullet

and passed it to the villagers surrounding the operation for their approval. He added ointments and promised to return in a few days for further treatment.

"I never did understand why hunters needed such powerful elephant guns," said Major Lea. "But I do now."

The rifle bullet had penetrated only two inches of the tough elephant's hide.

Major Bligh spoke with Khon's owner and the villagers through his interpreter. He was told a big celebration and religious ceremony would be held in honor of the animal's safe recovery. Roast pig, rice wine and incantations to the mountain spirits all were in order — as was the presence of Khon, Major Lea and Major Bligh.

The day of the ceremony, the "Screaming Eagle" surgeon paid another visit to Khon, checking the wound. This time Major Bligh brought a treat for the wounded elephant — a bag of unhusked rice. Khon greedily accepted the gift.

The Montagnards and their guests of honor enjoyed the ceremony, the "Screaming Eagles" earned the goodwill of the villagers and Major Lea chalked up another bizarre case in his Viet Nam experiences.

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night, Captain Furgeson personally visited each defensive position to encourage his men.

The next morning, with only 76 men, Captain Furgeson again attacked the village with his men fighting at close range throughout the day. That afternoon he was ordered to withdraw and return to his original perimeter.

On the fourth day his unit, reinforced by another rifle company, again assaulted the village. The enemy was routed and Captain Furgeson's company accounted for 87 enemy killed.

## Scrapbooks Available After Rotation

Scrapbooks for paratroopers of the brigade, too busy to keep their own, are available when they return to the United States.

The scrapbooks, made up of reproductions of newspaper clippings, may be obtained by writing a letter containing:

The inclusive dates of your service with the brigade in Viet Nam.

Your stateside address. Address the letter to:

Command Information Unit, Washington, D.C. 20315.

### STRIKE FORCE



*OUCH!*— Staff Sergeant Willie E. Jorden, Charlotte, N.C., responds as if Staff Sergeant Daniel E. Mills, Danneorng, Va., is having his face and did a bit of "nicking." Both "Screaming Eagles" are members of the Reconcos, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry. (US Army Photo by PFC Darryl Arizo)

## DIPLOMAT and WARRIOR

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'First In Brigade'

# 326th Engineers Receive Meritorious Unit Citation

**Khanh Duong** — The best engineer company in the United States Army for 1965 recently won another accolade for service rendered to its country in 1966.

Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion (Airborne), received a Meritorious Unit Citation for its outstanding performance from July 1965 to February 1966 in Viet Nam.

"Can Do Will Do" is the unit's motto. In 1965 it was awarded the Itchner Award, a yearly honor presented to the best engineer company

in the U.S. Army.

Since arriving in the country in July 1965, Company A has lived up to its motto. The Phan Rang base camp is one result of its work and in every operation of the 1st Brigade, the engineers have cleared mine fields, cut and repaired roads, and acted as a provisional rifle company for nine months. Their combat demolition teams accompany the infantry into battle. By its professional determination and ruggedness, Company A earned its citation. In making the present-

tation, Major General R.R. Polger, commanding general, U.S. Army Engineer Command, praised Company A for "selfless devotion to duty" and the "continuous demonstration of its reliability to perform with extreme distinction."

The commanding officer of Company A, Captain David K. Sallee, KeKomo, Ind., thinks his unit is tops.

"This company is the best in the Army as evidenced by their performances," he said. "I'm proud to be their commander."

His words sum up the feeling of the hard-working men in his unit. They are proud to be members of Company A.



"BRASS FLYING-CHARLIE DYING." — After being ambushed on Highway 1, a paratrooper from "A" Troop, 2d Squadron (Airborne), 17th Cavalry, returns fire to rout the enemy. (US Army Photo by Sp4 Alva G. Tate)

## TOC — Brigade's Nerve Center

ILT Arthur D. Barnett

**KHANH DUONG** — The tent sits in the middle of the headquarters complex, surrounded by barbed wire with "Cam Vao-Do not Enter" signs posted at the entrance map. Inside radios spill forth with voices. Grease pencil marks are made on large maps, then erased for more up-to-date information. Air Force, artillery, army aviation, chemical, psychological warfare, engineer and infantry personnel work side by side.

This is the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) at the forward command post of the 1st Brigade — the nerve center of the "Screaming Eagles."

From TOC run the tangles which stretch to each of the subordinate battalions. Commands are relayed from the commanding general, Brigadier General S.H. Matheson. Reports from the units are relayed to TOC and posted on situation maps. Accuracy is the keynote. There is no room for mistake.

The TOC duty officer

(TDO) is the man who sits in the "driver's seat." He channels all requests for tactical movements and support during his 12-hour shift. To aid him, he has specialists from Army Aviation and the Air Force to call for and coordinate troop lifts and combat sorties. He is the man who makes the decisions on the spot. He's a captain, a professional soldier with years of combat experience.

Equally as important are the area specialists. Within seconds of receiving an alert the Air Force representative is on the radio to get a mission scheduled. The artillery specialist quickly alerts the battery for a fire mission and Army Aviation's hot line has troop ships standing by. Within minutes and with cool efficiency and professional competence, are ready for any situation.

The communications network with special generators to provide round the clock power for the TDO and branch specialists to do their jobs, keeps the "Screaming Eagle" nerve center ready to react to ever-changing situations.

## 2/320th 'Redleg' Medical Officer Treats Khanh Duong Village

By PFC Louis Glosston

**KHANH DUONG** — For military personnel, sick call is an accepted part of the service. For the villagers of Khanh Duong in the Khanh Hoa Province, modern medicine is something new.

In this remote central highland province Captain John A. Goodworth, Beaver Falls, Pa., of the 2d Battalion, 320th (Airborne) Artillery has been treating the villagers since the 1st Brigade began Operation Summerall in this area. A medical surgeon, he and medics from the 326th (Airborne) Medical Company and the 14th Engineer Battalion hold regular sick calls for villagers at eight each morning in a small hut behind the Khanh Dnong High School.

Besides treating the villagers, the staff also acts as advisers to three Montagnard medics and one trained Vietnamese nurse, who are dedicated to helping their people. Quan, one of the medics, has a family of six and has been working in this area for nine years spending most of this time away from his wife as his assistant.

Villagers gather early for sick call. They come from near and far bringing with them their young and old. When the doors finally open they fill the room seeking medical care. At times there is little room to move about, and the line outside never seems to decrease.

Captain Goodworth and his staff examine and treat

the villagers for various diseases. "The villagers are mainly hampered by malaria, dysentery, skin diseases, and vitamin deficiencies," said Captain Goodworth. "Although we do the best we can, some villagers travel more than 12 miles for treatment and cannot manage to get back for continued examinations."

But Captain Goodworth and his staff are rewarded for their services in many ways. "Seeing people coming back day after day for treatment and knowing they are getting well is a reward," he said. "But most rewarding of all is the joy that comes when you see the smiling face of a little child that you've made well again."



"NEXT WE'RE GOING OVER TO THE RANGE AND FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH BOOBY TRAPS!"



FIRING TIPS come from experts in the 1st Brigade's "Proficiency School." Sergeant Johnny R. Traylor (left), Houston, Tex., shows a newcomer how to sight on a target. (US Army Photo by SP4 Robert Lloyd)

# Strike Force

Works With ARVN Units

# Military Intelligence Plays Important Role In Brigade Mission

by SP4 William P. Singley  
**KHANH DUONG**—The "Screaming Eagles" of the 1st Brigade balance on a diplomatic tightrope during their countryside forages in search of the Viet Cong.

Daily, the paratroopers become responsible for a variety of Vietnamese people. A peasant woman brought in for questioning, teenagers found in a restricted area, refugees moving South and a man found in the uniform of the North Vietnamese regulars.

A determination must be made—friend or foe.

The sensitive task of separating the innocent from the enemy is the responsibility of the highly qualified interrogators and interpreters of the 181st Military Intelligence Detachment and the Army of Viet Nam (ARVN) 9th Military Intelligence Detachment.

"Appearances are deceiving," says First Lieutenant Thomas J. Fields, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the assistant interrogation officer of the 181st. "What looks like a ragged, ignorant peasant might be a highly educated individual devoted to the VC cause."

The men of the military intelligence units work in

two-man teams—an interrogator and interpreter.

Specialist Six Gene Newman, Birmingham, Ala., is a senior interrogator for the 181st. He is a 10-year Army veteran, trained in Chinese Mandarin and Burmese. At Ft. Holabird, Md., the Army Intelligence School, he learned methods of interrogation and intelligence analysis, which involves everything from interpreting common information to deciphering coded enemy documents.

Working with specialist Newman is a Vietnamese interpreter, Sergeant Na Than, a native of Da Nang. He studied English and French in high school and the Vietnamese Joint General Staff selected him to attend the Armed Forces language School in Saigon. He has served with the 181st for nearly two years.

"The basic problem in getting information," Specialist Newman said, "is that the people are really not aware of what is happening in their country."

"Some think the Americans are French," says Newman. "They remember the Japanese and vaguely know of Ho Chi Minh. Many have heard of the Vietnam, but not the Viet Cong. Few have a sense of their country's history. Their interest is the field and hut they live in." Regulars from the North believe they are going South to liberate the country from the 'oppressor' Americans," he added.

Interrogation begins in the field. Initial questioning is done by the commander of the unit that encounters a native. One captured NVA told paratroopers of an impending ambush ahead. The "Screaming Eagles" came in behind the waiting enemy and routed them.

The second phase of interrogation is handled by personnel of the military intelligence units, either in the field or at the forward command post. Detainees are segregated according to rank, sex, and importance.

One detainee, later classified as a POW, is Than Quyon, 28, a native of Haroi Hamlet in the Son Hoa District of Darlac Province. He was captured by a "Screaming

Eagle" unit during Operation Summerall.

Than Quyon grew up in Darlac Province and as a teenager was a messenger for the VC. In 1960 he became education and information chief of his hamlet and later was an economics cadre for a VC movement in another province. He became a squad leader in a VC fighting force in 1964 and by 1966 was a platoon leader. During that time he had become a member of the Communist Party. Hardships and homesickness led to his desertion this year.

Specialist Newman said there is no way of telling how many leave the VC cause the same way as Quyon did. For some it is dangerous to go home because of retaliation by the VC.

Than Quyon was sent to a combat captive camp in Pleiku. Each Corps area maintains a camp. He, along with many other prisoners, will be held for the war's duration, politically rehabilitated and taught modern farming or an industrial skill for post-war livelihoods.

Captain Alan Tindale, Rochester, N.Y., the interrogation officer of the 181st, stringently follows the rules for detainees set by the Military Assistance Command, Viet Nam, the United States Army, Republic of Viet Nam and the Geneva Convention. He feels benevolent treatment to innocent detainees wins many friends for the 101st.

It is a difficult task for a fighting unit to practice diplomacy. Cautions, professional handling of detainees by the 181st and the 9th ARVN Military Intelligence Detachment demonstrates to the people of South Viet Nam the paratroopers of the 101st Airborne are indeed Diplomats and Warriors.

**Malaria Message**

We have two Malaria pills to fight the dread disease,

Two small pills that can be taken with ease,

A white pill every day and an orange one every week,

Will keep this brigade at its fighting peak.



COMBAT CLASSES — Captain Richard Chapman, Greenwood, S.C., of the 129th Aviation Company, 10th Aviation Battalion, conducts helicopter gunship classes for members of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry. The "Screaming Eagles" got a first hand look at the gunships that provide close combat support for the brigade, here in Operation Summerall.

(US Army Photo by PFC M.A. Willey)



MOVING THROUGH A CRATER — Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade search the aftermath of a B-52 bomber strike during Operation Summerall. The "Screaming Eagles" are operating in Khanh Hoa and Phu Yen provinces, 197 miles northeast of Saigon.

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## Chieu Hoi Passes Pay Off

# VC Leads U.S. Troops to Hospital

CHU LAI, Vietnam (10) — A discontented Viet Cong surrendered to paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne, 18 miles west of here and led them to an NVA hospital complex resulting in the capture of 12 patients.

The insurgent presented a 'Chieu Hoi' pass and told of poor morale and dissatisfaction among enemy troops. Further questioning revealed he was a cook at the hospital. He then led B Co. of the 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., to the complex atop a jungle-covered mountain.

Found were an operating room with tables, fresh pools of blood on the dirt floors and piles of new and used bandages. Communist Chinese and Russian medical supplies were found.

The complex consisted of 10 large huts with underground tunnels. Eight of the structures were hospital wards capable of quartering 20 persons each. One served at the operating room, another as the dining hall. Bloodstained sheets lay crumpled on the operating room floor. Blood trails led from the tables to the jungle.

Sgt. Frederick Davenport, Buffalo, N.Y., led a platoon in search of other enemy wounded.

"We were about 60 yards from the hospital when we heard something moving in a bush," Davenport said. "We found six enemy wounded trying to crawl away."

The paratroopers carried the wounded back to one of the

wards where a medic treated and prepared them for evacuation to the 2nd Surgical Hospital here.

The six enemy had been wounded by artillery and Air Force jets in contacts a week earlier.

Subsequent questioning identified one as a supply sergeant from the 1st Bn., 21st NGA Regt. The others were members of the 2nd Bn., 1st Viet Cong Regt., detailed for food production teams for the 2nd NVA Div.

The next day patrols were dispatched again. One NVA gave up to paratroopers and broadcasted surrender appeals to his comrades.

"Our squad was moving down a well-used trail when a khaki-clad NVA crawled towards us

from the bushes," said Pfc. James Hall, Waco, Tex.

Sgt. Duan Dinh Hoan, an Army of Vietnam interpreter, was sent to the area to question the enemy soldier.

"He will show us where others are hiding," Hoan told Capt. Thomas Mercer, Flushing, Mich., the company commander.

Four more wounded enemy were pulled out of nearby spider holes.

The five enemy — three NVA and two VC — were carried back to the hospital where they were treated.

Next morning another NVA patient walked into the complex, his hands clasped behind his neck.

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# Preface

Major General Jerry A. White, USA (Ret), President, National Infantry Association



This book is written to honor the American Infantry Soldier who for over 230 years has willingly and courageously fought for and defended the freedoms we all enjoy. Many who have never been in the service of this nation take those freedoms for granted—but not the American Soldier whose blood has been spilled on hundreds of battlefields across the world.

From the first battle at Lexington Green in 1775 that started the Revolutionary War to the on-going War Against Terrorism, the American Infantry Soldier has stood courageously to fight toe-to-toe against the enemies of freedom and our way of life. It has been the Infantryman who has climbed the ridges, waded the swamps, cleared the towns, landed on the beaches and landing zones, cut through the jungles, and finally, crawled and clawed his way through every agonizing inch of the last 100 yards to close with and destroy the enemies of this country. Battle is up close and very personal to the Infantryman in a way that no other Soldier must face. Impossible demands for strength and courage are put on him and, yet, he will experience the closest brotherhood with his fellow Infantrymen.

Certainly it takes the entire combat arms team to ensure success on the battlefield, and all Soldiers and branches of service deserve full credit and the utmost praise. But it is the Infantry Soldier who strikes the final blow on the enemy. Victory on the battlefield never comes easy or without the Infantry Soldier paying a very high price.

There are many different ways to determine the sacrifices of our Infantry Soldiers over the past 230-plus years. One way is to consider casualties. Nearly 80 percent of all American casualties since the Revolutionary War have been Infantry Soldiers. This certainly represents the greatest sacrifice we can ask of any citizen and gives proof to the phrase that “Freedom is not free.”

Sacrifice in time of war does not escape the families of our Infantrymen. They bear much of the burden with the injury or loss of a loved one. Their sacrifice continues long after “Taps” has been played for their Soldier.

Valor is yet another way to measure the level of sacrifice that our Soldiers have paid over all these years of protecting our freedoms. Over 50 percent of all Medals of Honor awarded by this nation during major wars has been to Infantry Soldiers.

The freedoms all of us enjoy are in large measure the result of the bravery and sacrifice of the Infantry Soldier. It is for this reason that this book is written. As a Nation we must never forget those who have given so much and asked so little.

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# The Last 100 Yards



Colonel Ralph Puckett, USA (Ret)



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## PREFACE AND SENIOR EDITOR

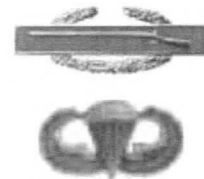
**JERRY A. WHITE, MAJOR GENERAL, USA (RET)**, is a former commander of the United States Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning. A graduate of Marshall University, he was commissioned in the Infantry from ROTC. During his career he commanded the 1st Battalion, 60th Infantry; the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division; and the 7th Infantry Division (Light). He was also Director of Operations, J-3, Forces Command and Commanding General, 2d ROTC Region. MG White served in Alaska, Hawaii, and Vietnam. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (OLCs), Silver Star, Legion of Merit (OLCs), Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star with "V" (OLCs), several Air Medals with "V" Device, and Army Commendation with "V" Device (OLCs). He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, JCS and Army General Staff badges. His military education includes the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College. He also holds an MS in Public Administration. Retired in November 1994, MG White now serves as the president of the National Infantry Association and chairman of the National Infantry Foundation. He and his wife reside in Columbus, GA. His son currently serves in the Infantry and his daughter is a military spouse.

**RALPH PUCKETT, COLONEL, USA (RET)**, was an inaugural inductee into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 1992 for extraordinary valor and distinguished service as a Ranger qualified leader. His decorations include two Distinguished Service Crosses, two Silver Stars, five Purple Hearts, and Combat Infantryman Badge with Star. COL Puckett qualified for Master Parachutist and Glider Trooper badges; parachutist wings from Greece, Germany, and Vietnam; the Ranger Tab and the Lancero Badge (Colombia). He is a 1949 graduate of the United States Military Academy and has an MA in Personnel Administration from George Washington University. His military education culminated at the Army War College. He is Honorary Instructor, The Infantry School, and Honorary Colonel, 75th Ranger Regiment. He was awarded the Order of St. Maurice; Ranger of the Year, Ranger Infantry Companies of the Korean War; USAF Gathering of Eagles; Tifton (GA) Wall of Fame; Ambassador of Goodwill, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation; and Distinguished Graduate, USMA. In 2001, he was awarded the United States Special Operations Command Medal for his outstanding contributions to Special Operations. He lives in Columbus, GA, with his wife. They have two daughters, a son, and six grandchildren.

*Editor's Note: I first met MG(R) Jerry A. White, 1/327 A CO 7/66-7/67, in Viet Nam. He was a Company Commander and staff officer and I was the First Brigade Information Officer. Many years later I saw him at STATIC LINE visits to Fort Benning while he was serving as Commandant of the Infantry School and Commanding General of Fort Benning. He, along with COL(R) Jerry C. Scott, 2/502 B 7/66-7/67, were hosts for the trip to Fort Benning during the 2006 First Brigade (S) Reunion in Atlanta, Georgia. In the early 60s COL (R) Ralph Puckett, 2/502 CO 7/67-3/68, after serving as a B Team Leader became 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group S-2 and I left my A Team and became his assistant S-2. When his tour ended, I replaced him as the Group Intelligence Officer. The 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group in Bad Toelz, Germany was then commanded by MG (R) S. H. Matheson. I left Viet Nam before Ralph commanded the 2/502. The book (ISBN 978-0-7893 9999-1) may be purchased from the National Infantry Association, P. O. Box 2823, Columbus, GA 31902, phone (706) 323- 2560, for \$75.00. It is now listed on Amazon for \$21.85. You may Google National Infantry Association for more information.*



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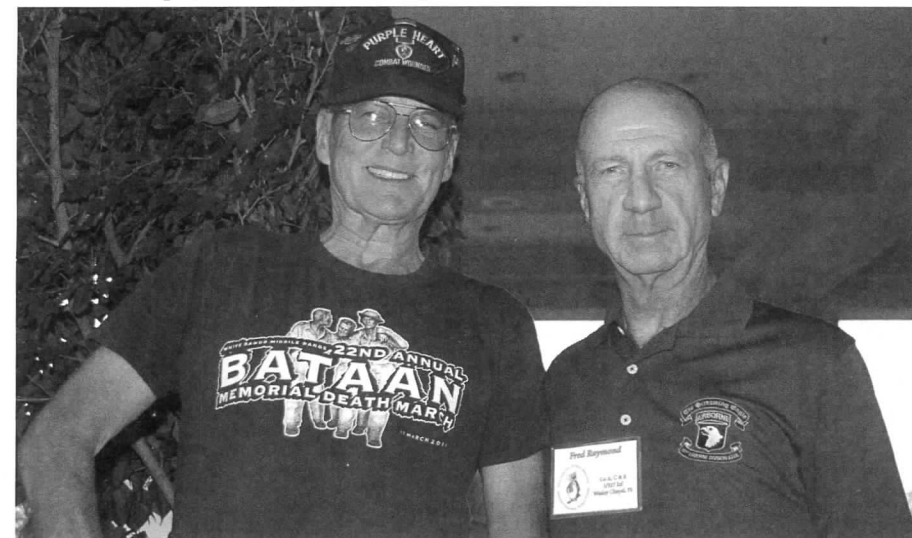
(L to R) MAJ (R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, and John M. Taylor, Jr., 1/501 SIG B 6/65-7/66, stand in front of an official reunion t-shirt. The reunion logo was designed by Eddie Pissott, 1/327 A dates unknown. Both John and Eddie served on the Reunion Committee.



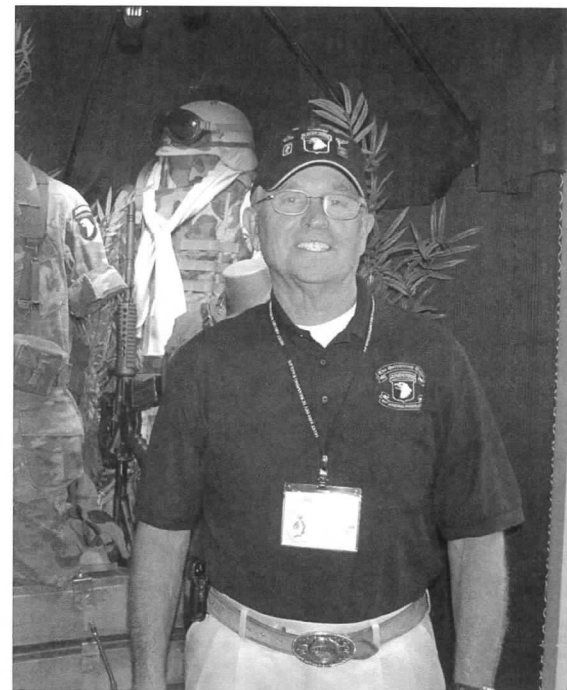
James "Smokey" and Lisa Taylor in the sales room. Smokey served in ABU 1/327 but dates are unknown. He also served in the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group.



Hospitality Room for the 2012 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Association Snowbird Reunion in Tampa, Florida, in February 2012.



(L to R) MAJ (R) Walter W. Jackson, 1/327 C 7/67-6/68, and MG (R) Fred Raymond, 1/327 HHC,A,C,E 1/68-6/69. Walt is chairman of the committee for the First Brigade (S) dinner to be held in conjunction with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Reunion in Nashville, Tennessee, in August 2012. See page 26 for more information.



Willie W. Snow, 2/502 HHC 4/66-4/67, posed in front of one of the Snowbird vendors' decorations. He has served in many positions of leadership in the Ranger Association.



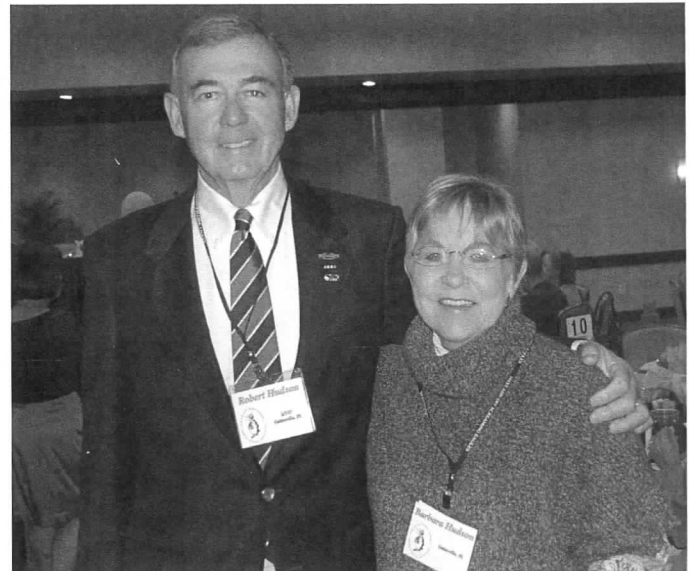
(L to R) Michael F. Wilson, 2/327 A&C 6/67-3/68, and Robert J. (Buffalo Bob) Corey, 2/502 HHC RECON 10/65-1/67, in the Snowbird Hospitality Room.



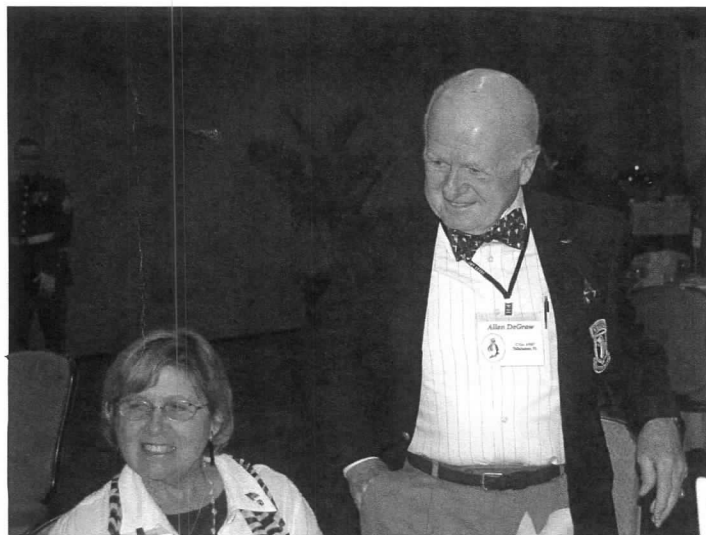
SFC(R) Malcolm G. McHoul, 326 MED D 7/65-5/66, lives in the vicinity and stopped by to check out the reunion.



(L to R) Samuel B. Snyder, 2/502 B 5/66-5/67; CSM(R) Chester L. Giddens, 1/327 HHC 2/65-2/66, and 1SGT (R) Bobby H. Burke, 2/327 C 7/65-6/66 ELT, stopped in the Hospitality Room for a picture.



Robert C. Hudson, 2/327 C & HHC 8/64-7/66, and his wife Barbara at the Snowbird Dinner.

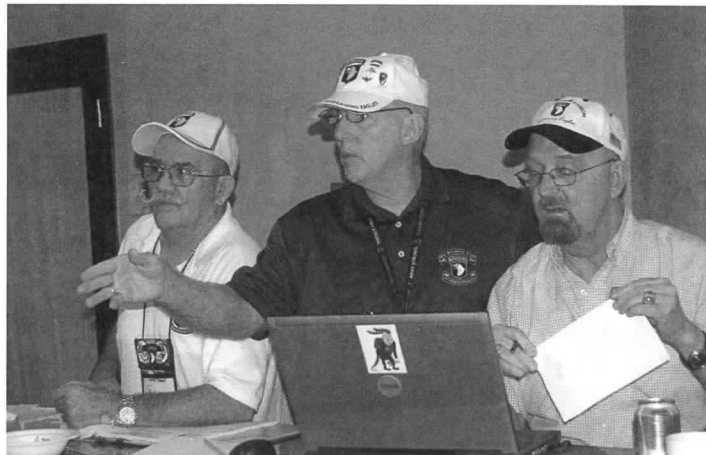


LTC (R) Allen C. De Graw, 1/327 C 7/64-7/66 ELT, and his wife Elin at the Snowbird Dinner. Allen was the Company Commander of Company C 1/327 (Cold Steel Cobra) when the Brigade deployed to Viet Nam in July 1965.

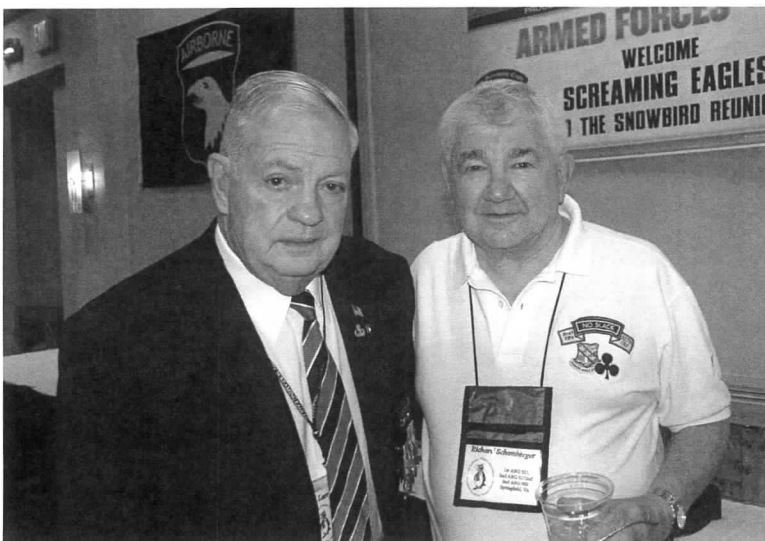
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ABU 1/327 veterans (L to R) Galen G. Mitchell, 1/327 A 6/65-5/66; Robert P. Hutchinson, 1/327 A 5/67-12/67; Raymond T. (Rocky) Ryan, 1/327 A 1/64-66 (WIA 65), with his beer bottle boot and LTC (R) Billy R. Robbins, 1/327 ABU 11/62-8/66.



Registration desk at Snowbird Reunion with Eddie Pissott, 1/327 A dates unknown, who was making table reservations for the dinner; Bill Ball, Reunion Chairman and President of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter and Bill Bennett, Chapter Secretary and Treasurer.



(L to R) COL (R) Lawrence A. Redmond, 2/327 A 5/67-2/68, and LTC (R) Richard C. Schonberger, 2/327 HHC 7/66-7/67, in the Hospitality Room.



(L to R) WO Kevin Thaden, HHC 3/187, and LTC (R) William (Bill) Rovon, 2/327 HQ&A 6/66-5/67, at the Snowbird Dinner.

All 2012 Snowbird Reunion photos were taken by Ivan Worrell.



## 2012 COBRA REUNION June 22nd and 23rd, 2012

Ken and Angie Ihle will be the hosts for the annual reunion of C Company First Battalion 327<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry at their home near Crossville, Tennessee. For complete information about the reunion contact Registration Chairman: James W. Hunt, P. O. Box 1398, Crossville, TN 38557, phone (423) 881- 3378.

# Paratroopers Battle Viet Cong At Large Hospital Complex



DUC PHO, Vietnam (101 Abn. IO)--Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne inflicted heavy losses on a stubborn enemy force defending a hospital and rehabilitation complex in the Song Ve valley west of here.

The action began when the 1st Platoon, Company A of the 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry discovered a hut complex late one afternoon during Operation Malheur II.

Employing stealth and strict noise discipline Platoon Sergeant Robert P. Sherman, Columbus, Ga., moved the platoon toward the thatch-roofed, jungle village.

Ten meters away from the first group of huts, a Viet Cong guard spotted the paratroopers. The Americans moved into the complex, surprised by its size. Lieutenant Jerry Barnhill, Houston, pulled his platoon back to the edge of the clearing to establish a defensive perimeter.

The strategy was to call in artillery and gunships. When darkness fell, a grass hut

caught fire. Lieutenant Barnhill used it as a reference point to direct gunships and a medivac to lift out a wounded paratrooper.

Throughout the night, bullets split the air. Combat engineers and infantrymen cleared a landing zone in the darkness under enemy fire.

"There was no sleeping that night," said Specialist 4 James N. Page, Dayton, Ohio.

At daybreak, the paratroopers

resumed their search of the village.

"We found 22 VC bodies and secured four detainees," said Sergeant Sherman. "And we found enough hospital and field equipment to fill a two and half ton truck."

Follow the Fort Campbell Safety Council's advice -- Protect your own safety by using seat belts -- every time you drive.

*From the Fort Campbell, Kentucky, post newspaper THE SHIELD & CIRCLE published on August 18, 1967.*

*Editor's Note:  
COL (R) Harry A. Buckley, Jr., 2/502 CO 66-67, died on January 2, 2007, and his obituary was printed in the April 2008 magazine.*

## 101st Sergeant Looks Back On Year Away From Home

DUC PHO, Vietnam (101 Abn IO) -- "Eloise always understood," said Sergeant First Class Esiquio R. Martinez, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Recalling 25 years of continuous military service that carried him through three wars, the fifty-three

year old veteran grew thoughtful. "I've never had an accompanied overseas tour, but my wife has been wonderful about it."

As he waited for a ride to the airstrip at the forward command post of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne, the sergeant reflected on his year in Vietnam. Minutes

earlier he was presented his 15th award of the Bronze Star - this time for service with the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 320th Artillery.

The father of five children, one of whom finished a tour in Vietnam last January, said he had enjoyed his tour and wouldn't mind coming back.

"I'm a 30-year man," he explained, "and there's still lots to be done over here."

Sergeant Martinez is a master parachutist who has more than 500 jumps to his credit. He made three combat jumps with Company C of the 504th Regiment during World War II and fought with the 187th Regiment in Korea. His decorations include 24 ribbons, among them the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts.

His most unforgettable moment occurred in the United States prior to going overseas in World War II.

"It was in '43 at Camp McCall, N. C.," he said. "Fifteen of us were on a C-47 getting ready to make a training jump when an engine caught fire. The pilot couldn't put it out and the plane began falling. Only three of us got out the door before it crashed."

Sergeant Martinez also recalls a thrilling moment - marching with the 82nd Airborne Division in New York, celebrating the end of the war in Europe.



COMMANDER'S CARE--Lieutenant Colonel Harry S. Buckley of Tacoma, Wash., commander of the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade, visits one of his men at the hospital at Qui Nhon. Private First Class Donald Pryor, Newark, N. J. is recovering from leg wounds suffered in Operation Malheur II. (U. S. Army Photograph by Sp4 Alva Tate.)



# 1,300 Villagers Observe U.S. International Aid Day

PHAN RANG, Vietnam (Spt Bn IO) -- One of the largest celebrations in the history of Ninh Thuan province was observed here when 1,300 residents joined in observance of International Aid Day.

The occasion—marked by ceremony, cultural exchanges, and sports events—climaxed with the dedication of a new recreation center built by Vietnamese and paratroopers of Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Kha Vang Huy, province chief, delivered the principal address at the opening ceremonies in downtown Phan Rang.

A volleyball contest between the province and support battalion team preceded an Oriental luncheon in the Officers Open Mess, hosted by Army Lieutenant Colonel Quinton P. Sunday, Eufaula, Okla., support battalion commander.

Following the luncheon, the

official party joined the citizens of Phan Rang at My Duc stadium where the province soccer team played the paratroopers. The game ended in a tie.

Climaxing the day long festivities was a reception at the home of Lt. Col. Huy and the dedication of the recreation center, constructed and furnished by the Phan Rang Community Council and support battalion personnel.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a plaque by the Phan Rang Cub Scouts to Captain Wes Grosbeck, battalion civil affairs officer, for paratroopers assistance in building the center and playground equipment for the children of Phan Rang.



## Staking Lives and Money for Freedom

Doing their part at the pay table as well as on the battline, the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Div. received seven awards for near unanimous participation in the United States Savings Bond program. The Brigade proudly displayed the Minuteman Flag it first won last year at Fort Campbell, Ky. Among those who gathered in

combat dress for a brief ceremony at Phan Rang, Republic of Vietnam, were Brig. Gen. Paul F. Smith (third from left), chief of staff of Field Forces Vietnam and Col. James S. Timothy (second from right), the brigade commander. Various officers and non-commissioned officers of the brigade hold the Secretary of the Army Savings Bond Awards their respective units won. (USA)

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Chaplain (Capt.) C. R. Bowers, 101st Airborne Div., plays with a little girl whose mother was seeing an American doctor, Capt. Charles R. Wermuth, for treatment of a minor ailment.



Wermuth checks a villager for a sore throat as a Buddhist monk stands nearby. The monk had complained of stomach pains and received treatment from the American doctor.

## Army Medics Bring New Hope To Ailment-Ridden Viet Village

Story and Photos by SFC CHARLES W. CURRY

CAM RANH BAY, Vietnam (IO)—"Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity," said Hippocrates. Army Dr. Charles R. Wermuth, battalion surgeon with the 101st Airborne Div., is finding that 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 Inf. have set up their defense for the huge engineering project here.

On his first visit to the village, Wermuth looked at a group of children playing in the tiny school yard around the village chief's headquarters turned school room and remarked, "Look at the children. They look so happy and healthy."

After parking his open jeep near the school and taking out his medical bag, he looked closer at the children.

"These people really do need our help," he said. "Just look at this pretty little girl. She'll have to be operated on to remove these infected glands. There's nothing I can do for her now, but when we have our hospital I'll remove them," he promised.

The doctor and his medical aid men enjoyed their first contact with the townspeople, 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 and covered with scabs.

The Americans are becoming a symbol of hope and happiness for the people of Ba Ngoi.



SP5 John M. Lopez of Lulig, Tex., medical aid man with the 1st Bn., 327th Inf., 101st Airborne (USA) treats Vietnamese boy for a cut finger.

### Three-Star

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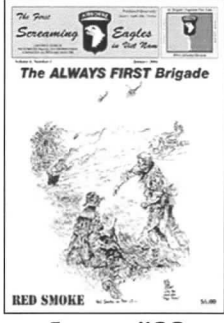
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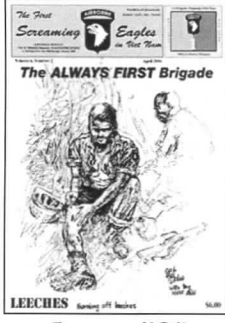
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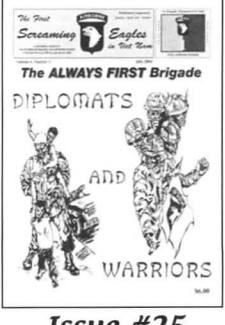
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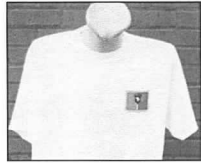


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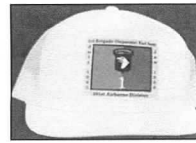
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