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# COMBAT

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).

I attended the military funeral for LTC (R) James C. Joiner (Jungle Jim, 2/327 B&C 1/67-1/68) - deceased 12/29/11; on March 29th at Arlington National Cemetery. He was a good friend and an exemplary soldier. See more on pages 14 and 15.

Some of the mail addressed to <u>THE FIRST</u> <u>SCREAMING EAGLES in Viet Nam</u> continues to be sent to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) before being returned to me. Arthur D. Smith's, 1/327 B 12/65-12/66, letter was in the postal system 20 days. Manuel Vargas, 2/502 A 7/65-11/65 mailed his renewal on 3/1/12 and it was received on 4/6/12. Dennis R. Boland, 2/502 HHC 3/62-

3/65, had a renewal in the mail for 42 days. On May  $26^{\text{th}}$ six letters completed their round trip to Viet Nam; they were from: LTC (R) John J. Dorsey, 2/327 A 6/66-5/67; Richard Davis, 2/502B 9/66-9/67; COL (R) Edwin P. "Ted"



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First Brigade (S) magazine every quarter for many more years to come.

Many of you, as indicated by the \$ mark after your name in the Subscriber's List have contributed to publishing the magazine by

Geesey, HHC HQ 5/67-5/68; LTG (R) Charley Otstott, 2/502 A & HHC 6/67-6/68; William G. Tay, 1/327 A 10/67-10/68 and C. T. (Guy) Jamieson, Jr., 326 ENGR A 5/66-6/67. These renewals were in the mail from 18 to 23 days. I am sure this has caused some confusion because renewal letters were mailed the first of May. My postmaster says the automatic address readers are picking up the Viet Nam on the second line of the address (see above) before it gets to the zip code. I have moved the Viet Nam to the left on new envelopes to avoid mistaken address mistakes by the USPS automation efforts to save time in delivering the mail. paying above and beyond the regular subscription price. THANK YOU for your most thoughtful extra financial support.

I was not able to attend the Memorial Day functions sponsored by the Capitol Area Chapter of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Association. I did pay for a wreath that was placed to honor those who served in the First Brigade (S), see page 25.

We should have a good attendance at the First Brigade Dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August in Nashville. A list of those who have made reservations early is on page 11 and the dinner registration form is on page 26.

I continue to receive subscription renewals for multiple years. I believe I have written this before, but, the longevity of the magazine is now completely tied to my ability to publish it. My plan is to inform all, who are subscribers, when the last issue is published that it is over. I plan and hope and pray that we will have a First Brigade (S)



Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, posed for a picture with the 101st Airborne Division monument on the Airborne Walk at Fort Benning, Georgia. This photo was taken following the Airborne School graduation and parachute demonstrations and was part of the Static Line Awards trip to the home of the Infantry.

#### HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM (FORWARD) APO San Francisco 96222 Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, J3

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2 March 1968

SUBJECT: Senior Officer Debriefing Program

TO:

Commanding General United States Army, Vietnam ATTN: AVHGC-DST APO 96375

1. During the period of my command, the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division participated in nine major operations while making eleven major moves of the entire brigade in three of the four Corps Tactical Zones in Vietnam.

2. The annexes record the methods of operation and lessons learned of a Separate Airborne Brigade employed as a theater reserve in a counterinsurgency environment. The annexes have been assembled into primary areas of staff interest.

3. The report should be of primary interest for use in the US Army School System.

S. H. MATHESON Brigadier General, USA

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Editor's Note: This seven page presentation was extracted from a 46 page declassified document, prepared by General Matheson now deceased, that includes three more annexes. I will make an effort to use the remaining three annexes later.



Major General S. H. Matheson

#### BRIGADE OPERATIONS

#### A. OPERATION GATLING I-1 February 1967 - 5 February 1967

(1) Operation Gatling I, conducted in LAM DONG Province northwest of BAO LOC, consisted of a two battalion airmobile raid following a B-52 strike against a suspected high level political conference by Headquarters Military Region VI vic TAN DJIRAN (IT990856) to capture key personnel, documents and equipment.

(2) Task Organisation

1-327 Inf

- 2-502 Inf 2-320 Arty
- Co B, 5th SFG
  - 5 Mike Force Companies
- 2 CIDG Companies
- (3) Results:
  - (a) Fnemy killed
  - (b) Individual weapons captured 2
  - (c) Crew served weapons captured None
- B. OPERATION GATLING II 5 February 1967 15 February 1967

(1) Operation Gatling II was conducted in BINH TUY Province (northwest of PHAN THIET) against units of Headquarters Military Region VI. Aggressive search and destroy operations were conducted by all units. No significant contact was made with energy force. Several large rice caches, base camp areas and communications equipment were discovered and destroyed or evacuated for intelligence exploitation.

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- (2) Task Organization
  - 1-327 Inf 2-502 Inf 2-320 Arty (-) 2-7 Cay (-)

(3) Results of the operation

(a) Frieny killed 25

(b) Individual weapons captured 17

(c) Crew served weapons captured None

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Annex C

C. OPERATION FAMILIOUT 26 January 1967 - 23 March 1967

(1) Operation FARRUGUT was conducted in BINH THUAN, NINH THUAN and LAM DONG Provinces to search out and destroy enemy units and installations and to clear the area adjacent to National Route 1 between PHAN THIET and PHAN RANG. This operation consisted of search and destroy operations against secret Base Areas 7, 19, 22, 25 and 36. The operation was characterized by small unit action and sporadic contact with small forces.

(2) Task Organization

1-327 Inf 2-327 Inf 2-502 Inf 2-320 Arty 4th Troop 8th Cavalry

(3) Results of the operation

(a) Enemy killed 115

(b) Individual weapons captured 80

(c) Crew served weapons captured None

D. OPERATION SUMMERALL 30 March 1967 - 29 April 1967

(1) This operation was conducted in KHANH HOA, PHU YEN and DARLAC Provinces. The initial brigade mission was to conduct search and destroy operations in the HAROI base area and BUON MI GA area. The mission was later amended to include search and destroy operations in the HON BA area and establishment of positions on critical terrain along Route 21 between KHANH DOUNG and DUC MI to secure the highway for daily logistical convoys.

(2) Task Organization

1-327 Inf 2-327 Inf 2-502 Inf 2-320 Arty B/1-30 Arty (155) B/3-18 Arty (8"SP) (CS reinf) A/4-60 Arty (M42, M55) (AMSP)

(3) Results of the operation

(a) Energy killed

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(b) Individual weapons captured

(c) Crew served weapons captured

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#### E. OPERATION MALHEUR I & II 1 May 1967 - 2 August 1967

(1) The mission of the brigade during Operation M'LHEUR was as a part of Task Force Oregon, to find, fix and destroy VC/WA forces in southern I CTZ. Areas of interest were west, southwest and northwest of DUC PHO. The operation, conducted in QUANG NGAI Province, was accomplished in two phases. Phase I commenced on 11 May 1967 with two battalions air assaulting into base area 124 immediately west of DUC PHO. The third battalion air assaulted into blocking positions east of base area 124. Search and destroy operations continued in this general area for approximately one month. One battalion was extracted and reinserted into base area 123 on 3 June 1967 immediately following a B-52 strike. Upon completion of this action the remaining battalions were extracted and inserted northeast and northwest of base area 123 which is astride the SONG TRA CAU and SONG V? Valleys. At the request of the province officials the brigade evacuated the civilian population from these areas. At the conclusion of these activities the brigades attention turned to the SONG NT Valley to the southwest. This initiated M'LHTUR II and was characterized by search and destroy and cordon and search of VC/NVA controlled villages and hamlets and the evacuation of local personnel at the request of province officials. After the evacuation of the civilian population intensified search and destroy operations supported by B-52 strikes were initiated in the area of operations to destroy the remaining forces of the 21 and 3d WA Division.

(2) Task organization

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1-327 Inf 2-327 Inf 2-502 Inf 2-320 Arty 5th SFG 3 CDIG Companies

(3) Results of the operation

(a) Enemy killed

- (b) Individual weapons captured 295
- (c) Crew served weapons captured 19

P. OPERATION HOOD RIVER 2 August 1967 - 13 August 1967

(1) Operation HOOD RIVER was a combined US, "RVN, ROK and CIDC operation conducted in QUANG NGAI and QUING TIN Provinces. It consisted of a four pronged attack against Secret Base Area 101. Two battalions of the 2d ARVN Div conducted an overland assault wast from QUING NGAI into the AO; two battalions of ARVN Rangers conducted airmobile assaults onto the high ground south of the base area and commenced S&D operations north; two battalions of the ROK Marine Briggle conducted an overland assault southwest toward the base area from positions northwest of QUANG NGAI. Two battalions of the briggde air assaulted into the high ground west of the base area and commenced S&D operations

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east. The 1-327 conducted S&D operations 10 kilometers south of base area 121 concentrating on likely egress routes. The CIDC companies occupied blocking positions to the south in the southeastern portion of the brigade AO.

(2) Task Organization

1-327 Inf 2-327 Inf 2-502 Inf 2-320 Arty 5th SFG ·2 Mike Force Companies 2 CIDG Companies from HA THANH

(3) Results of the operation

(a)	Enemy killed	63
(ъ)	Individual weapons captured	. 37

(c) Crew served weapons captured 6

G. OPERATION LAKE 6 July 1967 - 12 July 1967

(1) Operation L/KE was a one battalion task force operation conducted in QUANG NGAI Province. The battalion task force was deployed in the SA HUINH area to provide sedurity for engineer road opening operations to be conducted on National Route 1 from DIEN TRUONG south to SA HUINH. In addition the task force conducted search and destroy and cordon operations in the area to destroy the VC infrastructure and VC/NVA forces in the area.

(2) Task organization

1-327 Inf (-), A/2-17 Cav 1/2-69 Armor (3/25 Inf Div) 1/A/326 Fagr 3 Sct Dog Tm

(3) Results of the operation

(a) Enemy killed

(b) Individual weapons captured

(c) Crew served weapons captured None

H. OPERATION BENTON 13 August 1967 to 29 August 1967

(1) This operation was conducted in QUANG TIN Province. Contects with large size energy forces (platoon or larger) occurred frequently during the

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early stages of the operation. All contacts occurred late in the afternoon and lasted into the night when the enemy broke contact and withdrew. As the operation progressed contact with larger forces declined as did the enemy's will to stand and fight.

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- 2-502 Inf

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- 2-320 Arty
  - 5th SFG

2 Hike Force Companies .

(3) Results of the operation

- (a) Enemy killed 303
- (b) Individual weapons captured 123
- (c) Crew served weapons captured

I. OPERATION WHEELER 11 September 1967 - 25 November 1967

(1) This operation, conducted in QUANG TIN Province was conducted to destroy the 2d NVA Division and drive it out of QUANG TIN Province. To accomplish this mission the brigade air assaulted its three battalions into an AO west of TAN KY. One battalion blocked enemy egress routes to the west while the remaining two attacked from the northeast and southeast. The 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry (3/25 Inf Div) was placed OPCON to the bde to exploit intelligence during the initial stages of the operation. One Camp Strike Force operating in direct support of the brigade acreened likely enemy egress routes to the southwest of the brigade AO.

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- (2) Task organisation
  - 1-327 Inf 2-327 Inf 2-502 Inf 2-320 Arty 1-14 Inf (3/25 Inf Div) 5th SFU 1-Camp Striks Force
- (3) Results of the operation
  - (a) Encary killed 1105
  - (b) Individual weapons captured 186
  - (c) Crew served wespons

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J. OPERATION KLAMATH FALLS 1 December 1967 - 8 January 1968

(1) This operation, conducted in LAM DONG, E NH THUAN and NINH THUAN Provinces, was a search and destroy operation to find, fix and destroy Hq MR-6, the 145th, 186th and 840th Mainforce Battalions and the 482d Local Force Battalion and to open National Highway 1 from PHAN RANG to the II/III Corps boundary in coordination with the 23d ARVN Div. To accomplish this mission the brigade, on 30 November 1967, assaulted the 3-506 Inf into an area of operation vic SONG MAO (east of the AO for the brigade main effort). On D-Day two battalions air assaulted into the northeastern and northwestern portions of this AO and commenced S&D operations generally oriented south. 2-7 Cav (1ACD), OPCON to the brigade, and the remaining battalion of the brigade air assaulted into the southern portion of the AO blocking energy egress routes to the south.

(2) Task organization

1-327 Inf 2-327 Inf 2-502 Inf 2-320 Arty 2-7 Cav (!st ACD) LRRP Plat I PFORCEV

(3) Results of the operation

(a)	Enemy killed	150
<b>(b)</b>	Individual weapons captured	75
(c)	Crew served weapons captured	3



Troopers, Copters Move Out SAIGON - U.S. paratroopers and helicopters move out-in opposite directions at the start of a search-and-destroy mission at Tuy Hoa, 250 miles north of Saigon. The <u>IOIst Airborn Brigade</u> was starting Operation Harrison, the copters headed for their home base. Operation Harrison reported only sporadic contact with the enemy.

# 101st Kills 108 VC In Bitter Fight

Saigon (UPI)—U.S. paratroopers under heavy fire assaulted well-fortified Communist positions 230 miles northeast of Saigon and killed 108 Viet Cong in bitter hand-to-hand fighting Monday.

The Communists were victims of the 101st Airborne Division in two battles Monday along the coastal plain southwest of Tuy Hoa. The Americans sustained "moderate" to "light" casualties.

From the Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65, collection.

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# **Airborne Awards Festival 2012**





MAJ(R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, is recognized as the First Brigade (S), 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Man of the Year by Cliff E. Scott, Chairman of the Atlanta All Airborne Chapter, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association.





1SG (R) Eugene T. "Dino" Dean, 326 ENGR A 7/66-7/67, at the Awards Banquet. 5



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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### **E-MAIL**

#### Ken Claypoole's Last Jump

#### + WADE D. HANSEN, 2/327 B 6/67-11/67 1507 Beede Avenue, Breckenridge, MN 56520 Wade@327infantry.org

To all my brothers, Kenny was a special person with a very big heart. Thank you Lou and Jim for keeping us posted on Kenny's welfare. He soars with the eagles.

+ LTC(R) LOUIS M. MCDONALD, 2/327 B 5/66-10/66 3950 E Midas Ave., Rocklin, CA 95677-2420 loulistamc@yahoo.com

Ken passed away today (March 31, 2012) at 1451 Pacific Time in the emergency room of Sutter General Hospital, Sacramento, CA. He is survived by his loving wife, Ruth and his son, Ken Jr. He was taken to the ER for the second time this week from his nursing facility due to difficulty in breathing. He simply stopped breathing and then his heart gave out. He put up a good fight against his cancer. It is sad to see him go; and we all will miss him – especially those who served with him in Company B 2/327th.

Editor's Note: See Claypoole's obit on page 12

+ **GRADY M. JONES**, HHC S-3 7/64-7/66 80 Pool St., Byron, GA 31008-4401 work (912) 926-5714 home (912) 956-5787 gjonesabn@netzero.net

#### **Operation Gibraltar**

Reference the article in the April '12 issue on the above operation (starting on page 2 through 10 **Infantry in Vietnam**).

In the TOC we were planning the Operation with all the appropriate staff members and found out we did not have enough troop choppers. Col Timothy and Maj Hackworth told me to take the Col's chopper and pilot and go to the Marine Base and try to borrow some choppers. I met with the Marine CO and S-3 and described the planned operation. The Marine Col liked it and gave the S-3 the O. K. to loan us seven (7) Ch-34s to be at the Bde LZ the day before the operation for briefings. As stated in the last issue, one was downed and I can't remember the damage done to the others, but I think all took hits.

Well, when the operation was over the Marine CO called and told Col Timothy and Major Hackworth, in some unkind words, don't ever ask the Marines for chopper support again. And, to the best of my memory, they never did.

+ COL(R) THOMAS H. TAYLOR, 2/502 B 7/65-6/66 P.O. Box 1094, Inverness, CA 94937-1094 (415) 669-7279 thtxxx@aol.com

"Defend" from "Small Unit Actions in the Early Days: 1965-66" describes what we remember as An Ninh, the first major battle in the war for 1st Bde. The article (April '12 starting on page 2 through 10 **Infantry in Vietnam**) got most things right but here are some exceptions:

1. We were up against the 95th Main Force VC, not the NVA. By chance it was the 95th NVA that we fought in "66 up at Tuy Hoa. I've been told that in VN 95 is a lucky number. It wasn't for them!

2. The VC Bn was not "spotted," it was "suspected." One night a Sky Hawk reported receiving 51 mm fire from the head of Happy Valley. That caliber mg is found at Bn level so I put a dashed Bn symbol in red on the SIT map. That was all Hackworth (don't get me started on him) needed to crank up Operation Gibraltar.

3. Aerial photos showed a VC flag in the village of An Ninh close by the LZ. This intell was ignored.

4. There was no Arty support for 24 hours because the 105's could not get down a cratered road also shown on aerial pix.

5. LTC Smith never got out of helmet defilade but got an SS.

Tom Taylor Asst. Bde S-2 at the time

MARTHA FRIEZE sent an email to please discontinue sending the **Screaming Eagle** to Michael Frieze, who passed away in November 2011. No other info was received.

Editor's Note: An obituary has been asked for. If one is received it will be published. An obit was obtained from the Spring 2012 issue of THE SCREAMING EAGLE magazine. See Obituaries on page 12.

+ **JOHN DE VOUS**, 1/327 B & HHC 7/65-6/66 108 Kilsby Way, Folsom, CA 95630-6764 work (916) 956-3307 home (916) 983-3344

Hello Ivan, My recent trip back to Vietnam went very well. I visited Saigon, Phan Rang, Cam Ranh, Nha Trang and Hanoi. I actually stayed at the Hanoi Grand, which shares the property line with Hoa Lo Prison, aka Hanoi Hilton. The entire country is on a construction boom, especially in the south. Nha Trang has turned

itself into a must see resort. Beautiful 30 story hotels along the beach and very reasonably priced. I stayed at the Nha Trang Sheraton and enjoyed the accommodations very much. I flew over Tuy Hoa, first class, on a Vietnam Airlines 747, on the flight to Hanoi. I did shed some tears as I looked down at the Song Ba River and jungles below. I took over a thousand pictures but have been too busy to catalog and share them. I'll talk to you again soon. Sincerely, John De Vous B 1/327 and HHC 1/327.

#### **U.S. POSTAL SERVICE**

+ **TOMMY J. KELLOGG**, 1/327 HHC 6/67-12/67, 18257 S Ranch Rd., Claremore, OK 74019-1938, (918) 342-3262 when renewing his subscription sent the picture below.



Tommy Kellogg (on right) and Steve Merrill – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. We went to see him at his home in Indian Trails, NC (outside of Charlotte).

Editor's Note: Steve Merrill is not a current subscriber. I have a bad address for him since 2008 when reunion mail was returned from Florida.

+ **DONALD R. LENC**, 2/320 FA HHB 6/67-6/68, 5240 Windfall Rd., Medina, OH 44256-8750, work (216) 276-0977, home (330) 722-1879 sent the following note with his subscription renewal. Check for one year and extra to help the cause. Hope to see you and all the regulars and maybe some new faces like – **Tom Hoesh** – at the reunion in August. The reunions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade have been a great pleasure for me to attend and hope this one will also be a good one. I had a great visit with my friends **Tom** and **Mary Dohnke**, A 2/327, in March talking about old times and looking at my slides from Viet Nam.

Don Lenc HHB 2/320 Arty C 2/327 Inf Red Leg RTO 6/67-6/68

+ **MG(R) BEN L. HARRISON**, 10th COMBAT AVN 7/66-7/67, 221 E. 21st Ave., Belton, TX 76513-2017, (254) 939-6393 sent the following with his subscription renewal. Thanks for keeping up your great work for the First Screaming Eagles! Please renew me for five

more years. I'll be 88 by then.

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Editor's Note: Ben, I hope I will be publishing for five more years -- I will be 89 then.

When renewing + **FREDERICK J. TREGASKES'** subscription, 2/327 B 7/66-8/67, Frieda Tregaskes wrote: Hope all is well with you. Fred is down with pneumonia again. No matter what medicine they give him it seems to come back. Take care.

*Editor's Note: They can be reached at Frederick J. Tregaskes, 507 SR 1034, Templeton, PA 16259-1717, home (724) 548-5685.* 

JOYCE A. CAVER, 571 Magnolia Drive, Clarksville, TN 37042-3926 wrote: Thank you so much for "The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam" magazine (April 2012) with my husband Donald H. Caver's (SPT BN C 7/65-6/66) obituary. It is greatly appreciated.

Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your wife in July 2010.

+ **DONALD C. HENSLEY**, 2/320 FA A BTRY 7/65-6/66, 13383 Sugar Bush Ave. NW, Mogadore, OH 44260-9211, (330) 699-5170 wrote: I wish to renew my subscription to your magazine. I have every issue and have enjoyed them very much.

+ **DAVID E. SNYDER**, 1/327 A 7/65-1966, 316 Lynn Lane, Waynesboro, VA 22980-5447, (540) 942-4808 along with his subscription renewal wrote: Thanks for the reminder – I wouldn't want to miss an issue. Look forward to each one and read them over and over. Here is my renewal for two (2) years.

+ LTC(R) TED GESULGA, 2/327 HHC 4/66-3/67, 1019 E. Wright Road, Greenville, NC 27858-3902, work (252) 531-6985 home (252) 757-3196 wrote: Enclosed is my re-up check for your excellent magazine. There isn't one issue that I receive that fails to revive some unforgettable moments with the 2/327.

Keep up the good work. Hope to see you at the next reunion. No Slack!

+ **MICHAEL A. WILLEY**, BRIGADE PIO 9/66-10/67, 32176 Chester Garden City, MI 48135-1742, work (734) 718-4945 home (734) 458-1501 when renewing his subscription wrote: Sir, Thank you so much for keeping our heritage alive for the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade (Separate) 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. I was wondering if there is anyway that photos that we took, during our tour in Nam, can be viewed any place else, possibly if they were achieved at some place like Fort Campbell?

I was also wondering if you had a list of writers and photographers

that worked for the Diplomat and Warrior. Possibly, we could get all these people together, being that communications of today are so sophisticated.

Thank you once again for keeping our spirit alive.

God Bless, Michael "Doc" Willey

Editor's Note: I believe a collection of our photos is part of the archives of The Center for Military History at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, but I have not visited to search for them. I plan to in the future. I do have some of our Information Office people in my database. I believe a gathering at the First Brigade (S) dinner in Nashville in August would be great. If we could generate some interest for a gathering in Nashville, I will host a luncheon meeting for those who are attending.

+ CPT(R) THOMAS J. COURTNEY, 2/502 B&E 67-68, 335 Cedar Lane Fayetteville, GA 30214-4729, (770) 487-1333 along with his early subscription renewal wrote: Here are my dues for another year. I really look forward to receiving the Brigade newsletter. Keep up the good work.

+ DEAN J. BEAUPRÉ, 2/502 A 1/67-1/68, 3469 Fancher Rd., Holley, NY 14470-9393, (585) 615-5851 wrote: Well it is that time

#### again. It goes by so quickly! Hope you and yours are well and in good spirits.

I am sending you my renewal for two years. I am including a little extra for expenses.

Look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

"Strike Force"

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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.



#### Attendees Registered for the First Brigade (S) Dinner at the 13th Biennial Reunion held in conjunction with the 67th Annual 101st Airborne Division Association Reunion

Roy Aguero	Walter and Barbara Jackson	
Charles and Javas Anadasa	Donald B. Long	Bill Robbins and guest
Charles and Joyce Apodaca	Donald R. Lenc	William Rovan
Butler and Gail Baldwin	David and Kim Lindwall and 2 guests	
Bill and Donna Beattie and guest	Raymond and Chris Lynch	Tom and Mary Sewell
		Jessie and Dora Talley
Dean and Elaine Beaupre	Sarah McNamara	G. Rod Tilman
Sidney Brown	Nick Mihalic and guest	O. Rod Tillian
Robert Burleson	John and Joan Miller and guest	Donald Vaughn and guest
Robert Burleson	Julli and Juan Winer and guest	Henry and Sharlen Wiley
John and Margaret Crosby and guest	Roger Morris	Ivan Worrell
George Fallon and guest	Richard Murphy and 2 guests	Ivan worren
		Editor's Note: This list of names of those
Peter and Irene Fekete and 2 guests	Mike O'Connel and guest	registered to attend the First Brigade dinner on August 14 <sup>th</sup> is unedited as it was typed
Charley and Carolyn Fraley	Dan and Rose Porter	from the hand written list sent by Dinner
Charles R. Gant	Fred and Ellen Ranck	Chairman MAJ (R) Walter W. Jackson, 1/327 C 7/67-6/68. They are presented in
		alphabetical order and were those registered
Homer, Nina and Becky Gomez	Larry and Mary Redmond and guest	as of June 7, 2012.
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#### Michael C. Brousseau 2/327 A October 23, 2011

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Michael C. Brousseau, 66, of Safety Harbor, Florida, passed away on October 23, 2011. His wife, Mary Ann and daughters survive him. Michael served with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Green Beret in Vietnam and retired with 19<sup>th</sup> Special Forces after 27 years of service. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

Visitation was held at Moss Feaster Funeral Home in Dunedin, Florida. The Funeral Mass was held at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church in Safety Harbor with burial at Florida National Cemetery.

This obituary was taken from the Spring 2012 issue of THE SCREAMING EAGLE magazine.

#### Richard Chischilly C 1/327 10/67-4/68 March 2, 1945 – November 22, 2010

Editor's Note: The obituary below was received from Walt Jackson, 1/327 C 7/67-6/68, 743 Wickham Fen Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, with the following message. Richard Chischilly passed away on November 22, 2010. Richard served in the 2nd Platoon of C Co. (Cutthroats) 1/327 1st Brigade from October 1967 until he was seriously wounded on the assault on LZ Veghel in April of 1968. He recovered from his wounds and finished his tour of duty in the 4.2 Mortar Platoon of the 1/327. Belated condolence notices can be sent to his family at: Family of Richard Chischilly, P.O. Box 128, St. Michaels, AZ 86511.

R i c h a r d Chischilly passed away on November 22, 2010. S e r v i c e s were held N o v e m b e r 26, 2010, at Tse Si Ani



Baptist Church in Lupton, Arizona. Regan Hawthorne officiated. The eulogy was given by Wesley Curley and Stevie Rae Smith. Interment was in the family plot in Lupton.

While serving he received the Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/ 3 Bronze Service Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Qualification Badge w/Rifle Bar, Expert Qualification Badge w/ Carbine Bar, Marksman Marksmanship Badge w/Pistol, Expert Qualification Badge w/Mortar, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm Unit Citation Badge and Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal First Class Unit Citation Badge.

#### Ken Claypoole 2/327 B 10/66-6/67 March 31, 2012

Just wanted to let anyone who might have served with Ken Claypoole in the 101<sup>st</sup> or the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Divisions, that sadly Ken passed away on Saturday March 31st 2012. Ken was in Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento, when he passed. Ken is survived by his wife Ruth Claypoole, his son Ken Junior and his granddaughter Kienna Claypoole and many friends in the Sacramento area. Ken served in B/2/327 in RVN from October 1966 till he was wounded and medivaced to Japan for wounds received in action on June 27th 1967, during operations near Duc Pho. Ken was originally assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon in B Company, but was selected to serve in our Recon Squad called "spider6Bravo" and spent most of his tour in the Recon Squad. He was reassigned to 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN Div. 17<sup>th</sup> Cav and in late 68 returned to RVN with the 17th Cav. After separation from the Army, Ken worked as a civilian employee for the U.S. Air Force as a weight and balance technician doing daily weight and balances on the A-10 Warthog, at Mather AFB repair station in Sacramento and retired from Hill AFB in Clearfield, Utah. Ken will be missed by all that knew him; he was a very special guy.

Best Regards and "No Slack" Jim Wilson, B/2/327 66-67

> William Winfield Dwyer, Jr. 1/327 C 67-68 July 23, 1948 – May 3, 2012

William Winfield Dwyer, Jr., passed away on Thursday, May 3, 2012.

Beloved husband of 22 years to Cynthia Braquet Dwyer; loving father of William Winfield Dwyer, III; and brother of Dorothy Diane Dwyer Miller and Carey Leonard Dwyer. He is also survived by a special cousin, Michael Dwyer; and many much loved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Mae Cruise Dwyer; his father, William Winfield Dwyer, Sr.; and a sister, Mae Carol Dwyer Banker.

Age 63 years, he was a native of Mobile, Alabama, resident of Covington, Louisiana, for the past six years, and former resident of Metairie and Slidell. A Staff Sergeant in the United States Army 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, he served two tours in the Vietnam Conflict and received several medals, including two Bronze Stars, one of which was for Individual Valor and a Purple Heart. He was Founder and President of General Biomedical Services.

Services were held on May 8, 2012, at the Chapel of E. J. Fielding Funeral Home. Graveside committal with Military Honors was held at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.

*Editor's Note: William Dwyer was never a subscriber. He was in my address list with a bad address.* 

This obituary was received from Walt Jackson, 1/327 C 7/67-6/68. He wrote: Bill Dwyer served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon of C Company 1/327 from 9-67 until 1-68 when he was seriously wounded in Phan Thiet. As Larry Redmond said, "the foxholes are getting further apart." Michael E. Frieze 2/17 CAV 6/65-6/66 November 22, 2011

Michael E. Frieze, 72, passed away November 22, 2011, at his Yulee, Florida residence. Mr. Frieze retired from the United States Army with over 22 years service as a Master Sergeant. He served with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne and was a Vietnam Veteran. Decorations include Meritorious Service Medal, Master Parachute Badge, Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, along with others. Memberships included the American Legion, the 101 Airborne Division Association and Yulee United Methodist Church where he served as a Lay Leader. He was active in church and he enjoyed socializing with friends and spending time with family.

Survivors include his former spouse and friend, Martha L. Frieze, a son, four daughters, three sisters and 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

This obituary was taken from the Spring 2012 issue of THE SCREAMING EAGLE magazine.

#### Robert J. S. Garcia 2/320 FA B ELT 65-66 December 16, 2011

Robert John Serrano Garcia, 69, of Escanaba, Michigan, passed away on December 16, 2011 at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born in Canberra NSW Australia on August 25, 1942 and was the son of Stanley Robert and Amy Mae (Hetherington) Vogt. His birth name was Maxwell Robert Vogt.

Robert "Bob" grew up in northwest Indiana. Following high school, Bob worked at U.S. Steel as an electrician for a short while, then joined the U. S. Army 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was deployed to Viet Nam. After Viet Nam, he returned to East Gary, Indiana, and to the steel mill. After a few months a friend convinced him to get his pilots license. He was a flight instructor for a couple of years and later became a certified commercial pilot.

On May 20, 1968, Bob married the former Suzan Spencer in Portage, Indiana. They moved to Escanaba in 1971 where he was employed as a corporate pilot for Clairmont Transfer Company. Bob moved up in management during his years with Clairmont and when they closed the company in 1984, Bob and his wife started A.M. Express, Inc. They grew the business for 13 years from a one-truck operation to nearly 60 employees and sold it in 1998.

Bob retired and moved to Florida for a few years and then became restless to do something more. A close friend asked him to come work on a natural gas pipeline construction project as an inspector, which he did part-time for 12 years, most recently working in New Mexico, when he became ill.

Some of Bob's favorite activities included; spending time at his camp in Rapid River, bird hunting with his springer spaniels in Iowa and Montana, fishing, motor homing with friends, woodworking, reading and learning about many things such as investing in the stock market, history and so much more.

Robert "Bob" Garcia is survived by his wife Suzan of Escanaba; children, Lisa (Keith) Detweiler of Hansville, WA; Maj Jennifer Swazay (USAF) Kabul, Afghanistan and Daniel (Jackie) Garcia of Escanaba; four grandchildren and two bonus grandchildren.

Visitation was held on December 21, 2011. The Delta County Veteran's Council conducted a Memorial Service before the celebration of Bob's life. A reception followed.

#### CSM(R) William C. Murtiff 2/327 C 65-66 February 20, 2012

William C. Murtiff, 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, February 20, 2012, at Saint's Medical Center in Lowell. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 32 years, Joan Ann (Schartner) Murtiff, who died January 20, 2012, and his stepson, Stephen J. Hallett. He is survived by his daughter, Jenny Simard (Mike) of Fairbanks, AK; two sons, Jeffrey Murtiff (Pam) of Salcha, AK; Joseph Murtiff (Thong) of Concord, VT; two step-sons, Mark Hallett (Rachel) of Hyde Park, VT and David Hallett (Renee) of Belmont, NH. He leaves a sister, Ana Mae Shoup of NY; brother, Wilmer "Jake" Murtiff; 17 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a great-great grandson, numerous nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

Bill was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, to the late Calvin and Clara (Richard) Murtiff. Following studies, Bill enlisted to proudly serve our nation in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and continued his service for more than 20 years ultimately earning his jump wings and retiring as 1st Sergeant of the 101st Airborne Division. As a Screaming Eagle having fought in the Battle on Hamburger Hill, Sgt. Murtiff received numerous awards throughout his distinguished career, including two Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts and the Army Commendation Medal of Heroism with Valor for his combat leadership in Vietnam. Upon his return home, Bill settled in Vermont and worked for the US Postal Service in Lyndonville, retiring after 21 years. He later lived in Modesto, CA, before recently settling in Lowell. Bill held a passion for military history and enjoyed cooking. He took pleasure in traveling alongside his wife and most cherished time spent in the company of his family.

A funeral service was held on February 27, 2012, at the Philbin-Comeau Funeral Home in Clinton followed by burial at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon.

Editor's Note: His subscription to the magazine lapsed in April 2001. The above obituary was sent by Jerry Bell, 2/327 C 7/65-6/66, with the following note.

Sorry I didn't get this in sooner. Hope you are well. Thanks for the great job you are doing keeping us together. Sgt. Murtiff was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Separate people, having gone to Nam on the Eltinge. He was the Platoon Sergeant of 2<sup>nd</sup> Plt C 2/327<sup>th</sup> INF. I was a M60 gunner in his Platoon. He came back to Fort Campbell, was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> SGT and went back to Nam where he was in the battle of Hamburger Hill.

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#### Judy Rafferty July 11, 2011

When renewing his subscription **James R. Rafferty**, HHC 11/66-6/67, reported that his beloved wife, Judy passed away on July 11, 2011. He gave no other information.

#### Garland T. Wright 2/320 FA A Btry 7/65-7/66 January 22, 2012

Garland T. Wright, age 82 of Clarksville, Tennessee, died on January 22, 2012 at Gateway Medical Center. His parents, his wife and a son preceded him in death. Entombment was in the Resthaven

Mausoleum with full military honors. Garland was a retired CSM with the U. S. Army, having served two tours in Vietnam and also in the Korean Conflict. He was also former owner of Bonanza, Ponderosa and Pizza Inn in Clarksville.

He was a member of Hilldale Baptist Church, VFW Post, WK&T Chapter and chairman of the beer board serving with Mayors Trotter and Piper.

Survivors include a son, a daughter, two sisters and five grandchildren.

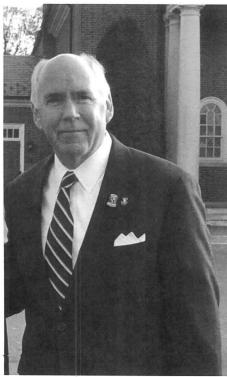
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## LTC (R) JAMES C. JOINER, 2/327 B&C 1/67 – 1/68 August 17, 1936 – December 29, 2011 Burial in Arlington National Cemetery March 29, 2012

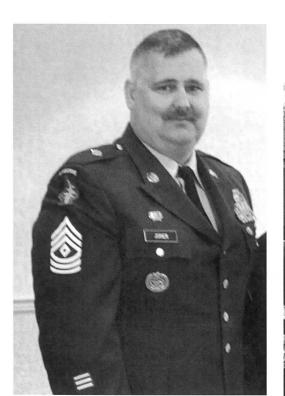
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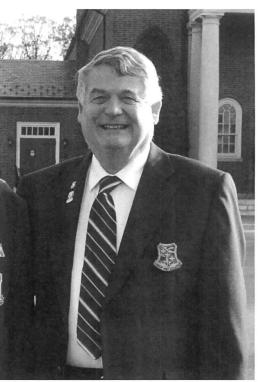
Editor's Note: My pictures taken at Jim's funeral are a real display of narcissism. I am a part of too many of them. If you detect some rough spots where I have been removed from some photos chalk it up to my slow learning curve in pictorial coverage.



Douglas N. Field, 2/327 B 4/66-12/67, traveled from the Atlanta, Georgia area.



Jim's son, Master Sergeant Christopher J. Joiner.



Fred Ranck, 1/327 A 12/68-1/70, and his wife Ellen (not pictured) traveled from the Chicago, Illinois area.



The Band, Escort Troops and the Color Guard on a slight rise overlooking the graveside ceremony.



The Color Guard and the Gideon Bearer practice. The Gideon indicates the Escort Troops come from C Company, First Battalion, Third Infantry Regiment.





Folding the National Colors in preparation for presentation to Jim's widow, Michele Joiner.

Fort Myer Main Chapel.

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reception, following the burial, I had a picture made with Jim's loving wife of 23 years. We are (R to L) Margaret (Michele) Meaney Noonan Joiner and MAJ (R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67.

Before leaving the



LTC(R)

Richard

Schonberger, 2/327 HHC 7/66-7/67, and COL(R) Herbert D. Williams III, 2/327 A&B 7/67-6/68, both of whom live in the Northern Virginia area.

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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.

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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 <u>The Diplomat and Warrior</u> 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.

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**Desmarais** New Top Kick Of Bde Hqs Co, LT GEN (R) Donald E. Rosenblum, 2/327 CO 6/66-6/67. 'Civilian' Fights War for 39 Hours, story by \*Daniel S. Stroebel, BDE HQ PIO. 1st SGT(R) Wayne Smith, 2/502 HQ 3/67-3/68. (Editor's Note: I believe the Wayne Smith mentioned in this story died recently. His renewal letter was returned marked DECEASED. Wayne was the Mess Sergeant for Company C, First Airborne Battle Group, 327<sup>th</sup> Infantry in 1956 – 1957 when I was the Company Commander.)

\* Not a subscriber



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## Silver Stars To Two In 1/327

KHANH DUONG — For heroic action under intense enemy fire, two "Scraaming Eagle" officers from the same company received Silver Stars here.

Captain Jerry A. White, St. Marys, W. Va., commander of Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, and First Lieutenant Thomas K. Gaugher, Wheaton, Ill., one of the company's platoon leaders, were honored for action near Tuy Hoa.

During fighting in July, Captain White was directing fire and air strikes from a helicopter when his communications withthe company were broken. The helicopter quickly landed, and Captain White, while organizing, a relief force to attack the enemy's flank, continuously exposed himself to enemy fire.

Lieutenant Gaugher wa's decorated for action in October. The 28-year-old "Screaming Eagle" platoon leader continuously exposed himself to enemy fire as he directed artillery and helicopter gunship fire on entrenched enemy positions. Throughout the 13-hour firefight, Lieutenant Gaugher supervised the evacuation of wounded and led an assault on a machine gun nest, killing two Viet Cong.

#### Summerall Ends; 72 Enemy Killed

KHANH DUONG — A multi-battalion force of the 1st Brigade terminated Operation Summerall in an area 52 kilometers (33 miles) southwest of Tuy Hoa at midnight on April 29.

The operation, which began on March 29, accounted for 72 enemy killed, 14 detainees and 57 individual weapons, tons of rice, 1.5 tons of salt and 3.25 tons of corn captured.

Seven paratroopers were killed and 43 were wounded during the month-long operation.



#### MEDICAL HELP

Captain John Goodworth, of Beaver Falls, Pa, a doctor and paratrooper in the 1st Brigade treats a Montagnard woman during daily sick call at Khanh Duong High School. The sick call was sponsored by the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 320th Artillery.

(US Army Photo by PFC Michael A. Willey)

## No Slack' Bn Discovers Complex

KHANH DUONG- Recent operations by the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry have uncovered extensive Viet Cong complexes in the rain drenched mountains southeast of here.

In the most active week since the brigade initiated Operation Summerall the "No Slack" battalion has been reaping the benefits of determined pursuit.

The largest finds were made by Company B, commanded by Captain James R. David of Augusta, Ga. After prolonged contact with an estimated Viet Cong platoon, the "Screaming Eagles" of Company B swept through the area finding four dead enemy. A thorough search of the area revealed several huts which concealed various equipment. Weapons captured included two French light machine guns and a Soviet sniper rifle with scope.

Not the least of the tasks which faced the paratroopers was routing the enemy out of the numerous caves which are common to the terrain. One cave contained 45 rucksacks, believed to belong to a suspected enemy force in the area. Also found in the caves were Chinese grenades and command detonated mines. A Chinese mine detector with accompanying equipment was another discovery in the caves, which the paratroopers scoured thoroughly. Two CH-47 Chinook cargo helicopters from the 10th Aviation Battalion were required to lift the captured items out of the area.

Other significant encounters by the battalion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Rosenblum (Thunderball), included two North Vietnamese. Army officers killed by Company A. The two officers, believed to be advisors to the Viet Cong, were carrying documents which revealed operations reports of insurgent activities for the past few months.

Totals for the recent encounters were 20 enemy killed and 25 weapons captured.

# Cannoneers Repel Viet Cong Attack

#### by PFC Louis Glossen

**KHANH DUONG**-It is almost impossible to tell when the Viet Cong are planning a social call, nevertheless it is always wise to be prepared to give them a warm reception.

## 326th Engineers Sweep Hwy 21

KHANH DUONG—More than 700 kilometers of road have been cleared of mines by two mine sweeper teams from Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion during the past month, on Highway 21 in the central highlands.

The road clearing operation, a joint effort of the engineers, and Trcop A, 2d Squadron (Airborne), 17th Cavalry has made it possible for most supplies supporting the brigade and its attachments here to be transported by motor convoy from Cam Ranh Bay and Nha Trang and for convoys to move additional supplies on to Ban Me Thuct.

Sergeant Clarence Jameson, of Huchinsor, Kan., leader of one of the sweep teams, said "There's always a 'beep-beep' sounding on the mine detector gear to cause an area to be carefully scruitinized. Though it's usually not a Viet Cong mine, each 'beep' along the 28 miles of road is investigated and eliminated to assume safe passage on Highway 21." Everything seemed to be peaceful in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam near Khanh Duong. Battery B of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 320th Artillery, had settled down for the night after giving close fire support to the infantry all day. They were hoping for a little rest before beginning an other hard day's work, but the Viet Cong had other plans.

It was three o'clock in the morning when grenades and automatic weapons fire broke the silence of the night. The Viet Cong were knocking at the door. Near the perimeter someone yelled "Enemy!" and M-60s began to play a tune the enemy is unlikely to forget.

The battery, under the direction of Captain James B. Leonard, from West Orange, N.J., came to life. Some of the men hurried to the paratroopers while others jumped into nearby fox ho'es ready to greet their unwantd visitors with their M-16s. The six howitzers were loaded and ready to be fired if the situation grew worse.

The welcome was warm. The fighting lasted for 20 minutes. During that time the Viet Cong made several unsuccessful attempts to penetrate the perimeter, The penetration was prevented by an alert guard whowremained calm and waited patiently until the Viet Cong came into the open before firing.

"They hit us from both sides and we didn't know how many there were. They tried to find our soft spot, but there wasn't any," said PFC Henry January from Cameron, La.

After giving up the idea. the Viet Cong vanished into the darkness as quickly as they had appeared. In their haste to withdraw from the deadly defensive fire, the Viet Cong left pouches containing explosive charges, grenades, and ammunition. On the following morning when the area was inspected there were blood trails leading to the nearby jungle. After saying their farewell to the Viet Cong, the battery continued their normal duty of supplying close fire support for the infantry.

OF THE

WEEK

KHANH DUONG \_\_ Staff

Company B, 2d Battalion

(Airborne), 327th Infantry,

has been chosen as "Enlisted

Warrior of the Week." He

was chosen for his outstand-

ing actions against the Viet

Cong near here.

#### Indiana Remembers Viet Vets

KHANH DUONG Hoosier natives of the brigade will be glad to know the people of Indiana have not forgotten about them.

In a recent letter directed to the men of Indiana serving in Viet Nam, Governor Roger D. Branigan sent his greetings and wrote how proud he and the rest of Indiana is of the excellent performances by Hoosiers in Viet Nam.

The Honorable Roger D. Branigan related that students from campuses all over the midwest, including universities in Indiana, took time to piy a special tribute to American soldiers during the week of Apr. 8-15.

The governor, supporting their effort, proclaimed Week'' "Americanism in Indiana.

Joining with the rest of Indiana, Governor Branigan hoped the men would soon be reunited with friends and families in the Hoosier State.

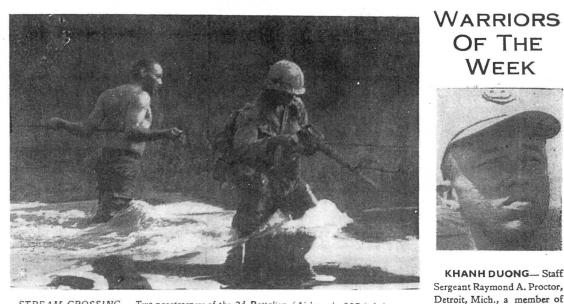
#### **BSA** Pillow Sent To 2/327 Platoon Leader

KHANH DUONG - Soldiers serving in Viet Nam often receive useful items from relatives and friends back home. No exception is the inflatable pillow sent to Second Lieutenant William A. Harwath, Bethelehem, Pa., by his aunt and uncle.

The pillow bears the insignia of the "Boy Scouts of America."

"I think I'll send for the Boy Scouts Field Handbook," said Lieutenant Harwath. "It's just what I need in my business."

Harwath is a platoon leader with Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry.



STREAM CROSSING \_\_\_\_\_\_ Two paratroopers of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, use a rope to cross a stream during a recent brigade operation. (US Army Photo)

## Former NVA Private Helps Bde; **Troopers Remove Bullet As Thanks**

By William P. Singley

KHANH DUONG\_ When a former private of North Vietnamese Regulars (NVA) did such a professional job guiding 1st Brigade paratroopers to his former hideaways, the men wanted to show their appreciation.

They did, by arranging to have a year-old shell fragment removed from his chest.

During Operation Summerall, Nguyen Van Minh (an alias), a private in the NVA, surrendered under the Open Arms Program (Chieu Hoi), Eighteen days later, he acted as a guide for Company B, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry on a

search and destroy mission.

Specialist 4 Emmett E. Ballree, Mount Olive, N.C., worked closely with Nguyen and was impressed by the young conscript's jungle lore. "He was really helpful. He showed us VC signs we would have missed," said Ballree. 1

The former enemies talked and the squad leader learned his guide was walking around with a small, but painful, shell fragment in his chest. The men of Company B discussed Nguyen's affliction and were more than willing to help him. Company Commander Captain Thomas M. Schlaak, Ft. Benning, Ga., said, "We enjoyed working with him and wanted to help him. The whole company felt that way."

Mork, from the brigade surgeon's office, removed the fragment.

Nguyen is from Thanh Hoa Province in North Viet Nam. He was drafted for the duration of the war. An air strike at Kontum last April wounded him. A year later he defected. His reasons for leaving the NVA were because he could not get medical treatment for his wound, he was sick, and field conditions were poor.

In the future he hopes to work for the government of South Viet Nam. Judging from his performance for the Screaming Eagles, South Viet Nam is getting a grateful ally.



KHANH DUONG-First Lieutenant Bennie L. Jagears, of Springfield, Mo., was recently selected as the "Officer Warrior of the Week." Lieutenant Jagears is a member of Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry. He was selected for his actions against the Viet Cong near here.

## Kentucky Sends Flag To Brigade

KHANH DUONG - Using civilian newsmen as personal emissaries, the governor of Kentucky sent the state flag to the 1st Brigade.

The state has long been the "old Kentucky home" of the "Screaming Eagles."

The Honorable Edward T. Breathitt hoped the flag would serve as an expression of his state's support of the 101st in Viet Nam. He added that prayers are being said in homes and churches for the fighting men.

On a verbal order from the governor, Brigadier General S.H. Matheson, the brigade's commanding general, was made an "Honorary Kentucky Colonel."

Arrangements were made by battalion headquarters to aid Nguyen when Company B returned from the field.

The operation was set up by Major James M. Tajiri. Monterey, Calif., commanding officer, 181st Military Intelligence Detachment. The detachment was responsible for the former NVA soldier while he was working for the Screaming Eagles.

Specialist 6 Henrik B.

## **DIPLOMAT** and

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#### COMPLETING THE PROJECT

The last step of a recent brigade civil affairs project is completed by Major Thomas Bligh, Douglaston, N.Y., civil affairs officer, and a Montagnard villager. They provide nearby villagers with a sufficent supplement to their often meager diet. (US Army Photo by PFC Daniel S. Stroeb 21)

#### "Civil Affairs'

## Fish Pond Constructed By Brigade **Provides Food For Montagnards**

KHANH DUONG-A fish pond is a simple thing. A hole in the ground, water and fish.

But in the Montagnard villages surrounding the town here, a fish pond is a rare thing. So are fish. Seafood reaching the market is expensive, far beyond the means of the average Montagnard who lives on the barter system.

When the brigade entered the valley during Operation Summerall, Major Thomas Bligh, Douglaston, NY., the brigade civil affairs officer, saw the need for fish in the villagers' diet. He and Captain Troy Collins, Little Rock, Ark., attached to the brigade from the 41st Civil Affairs Company, proposed to build a pond and stock it. The Montagnards enthusiastically supported the proposal.

Captain Collins spent three days searching the valley for the best spot to build the pond. He found it between two of the many Montagnard villages. A stream flowed nearby and the ground was high enough to withstand floods caused by the monsoon rains.

Then the work began.

A buildozer to dig out the pond area was supplied by Company A, 14th Engineer Battalion. All day the huge machine pushed back the dirt, biting deeper and deeper while the Montagnards cut a ditch from the stream to the pond. When all the digging was comple-ted, a small mud dam was removed, allowing the water to trickle into the 10,000 cubic-foot crater.

The fish - Tilapia, fastbreeding creatures from the Philippines - were added two days later. In the meantime, the Montagnards were busy. They constructed a fence around the pond and ditch to keep out wandering water buffalo. They also planted banana trees and pineapple plants all around, creating a small oasis.

The fish were flown from Nha Trang and natives of both villages witnessed the stocking ceremony.

"One good fish pond project here and the idea will spread through the valley like wildfire," predicted Captain Collins. "These people love fish and other villages will create their own smaller ponds after they see how one is built and maintained.

"The pond drew immediate response from other Montagnard villages in the valley. A second pond is being built by a joint Montagnard — "Screaming Eagle" team.

"There was a definite need for the ponds in this area," said Captain Collins, "And the people wanted them."

Major Bligh was pleased with the progress of the project, just one of many in his civil affairs program for the area.



'SELF HELP'- A Montagard villager lends a hand on a recent brigade civil affairs project near Khanh Duong where the brigade conducted Operation Summerall. The villager is helping build a fish pond that will serve as a protein diet supplementary for the Montagnards.

(US Army Photo by PFC Daniel S. Stroebel)

200,000th Round Fired By 320th Arty

KHANH-DUONG - The 2d Battalion (Airborne), 320th Artillery fired its 200,000th round in support of the brigade here during Operation Summerall.

Colonel William O. Quirey, commander of I Corps Field Artillery Forces, pulled the lanyard on a Battery C 105mm howitzer, as Lieutenant Colonel Andrew S. Bolcar, battalion commander,

from Bootin, N.J., witnessed the milestone event. The artillery battalion has

provided continuous support for each of the 25 "Screaming Eagle" operations since both units arrived in Viet Nam in July 1965.

In addition to its primary mission of supporting the three airborne infantry battalions, the artillerymen have found time to train attached

the 1st Air Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at An Khe.

Patterson Family

No, they did not rob a

Three of them became

The oldest is Staff Sergeant

His younger brother is

Their younger brother is

Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pat-

terson of Battery D, 2nd

Battalion, 17th Artilley with

Cam Ranh Bay.

Military One by SP4 William P. Singley KHANH DUONG - If the streets of summerville, Ga.,

> John happened to be sent to the 101st for temparary duty and he looked up Jim. They said it was doubtful if the three of them could get together because Emanuel is about to go home. His two older brothers agreed, since he was in Viet Nam the longest, he should be the one to take advantage of the Army regulation allowing only one brother at a time to serve in the country.

Jim and John will complete their tours.

Three of them serving together is not unusal. At one time there were five Pattersons in the armed forces. Four in the Army and one in the Air Force. Ft. Benning, Ga., was fortunate to have the four Army brothers together. Two were in the same battery, on the same gun, and they were twins.

John is a veteran of the 82nd and 11th Airborne Divisions. He and Jim kid their younger brother about being a Leg.

"We had enough for our own basketball team when we were younger," says Sergeant John Patterson. He addded there were always more than one of them on a team during high school.

One brother, Joe, is playing on a farm team for the St. Louis Cardinals. Maybe Uncle Sam can get him too.

The source of all these Pattersons must be a proud woman. She is Mrs. Delia Patterson of Summerville, Ga. In their hometown they have more men that have been in the service than any other family.

The next generation may be different. Of Mrs. Patterson's seven grandchildren only two are boys. So far that is.

indigenous units and to conduct numerous civil affairs projects.

The Mobile Training Team (MTT) trained Army of Viet Nam forces and Civilian Irregular Defense Groups (CIDG) on the 105 howitzer during several operations while the firing batteries conducted sick calls for Vietnamese villagers in their areas.

### 'Strictly Luck' 'Fly-By' Climaxes **Promotion Ceremony Of Brigade FAC Pilot**

by SP4 William P. Singley

KHANH DUONG \_\_ "It was strictly luck," said newly promoted Major Harvey B. Blanton Jr., West Acton, Mass.

The Air Force major was referring not to his promotion but to the three jets that saluted his promotion ceremony by passing brigade headquarters flagpole high at the the conclusion of the ceremony.

Just as the adjutant finished reading the order, the F-100's fell out of the northwest sky and interrupted the ceremony with six low level passes.

A spectator remarked, "The Air Force sure dees things right."

Major Blanton claims to be innocent. "I had no idea the planes were coming."

It just happened that Major Norman Hjelm, Spokane, Wash., former forward air controller for the 101st, was returning from a mission and radioed for permission to make a fly-by. He was instructed to wait five minutes

#### **Desmarais** New Top Kick Of Bde Has Co

KHANH DUONG (2/327 10)- Sergeant First Class Emil L. Desmarais has been promoted to first sergeant and assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade. He leaves the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry to assume the job at his new post.

Lieutenant Colonel Donald E. Rosenblum pinned the new stripes on Desmarais' sleeve.

"We will miss the services of Sergeant Desmarais, but his knowledge and know-how will greatly further his military career at brigade," said Colonel Rosenblum.

Sergeant Desmarais has been the personnel staff NCO since arriving in Viet Nam last June. This is the second war for the 36-yearold veteran. He made two combat jumps in Korea with 187th Airborne Regithe mental Combat Team.

then pass over the flag poles in front of headquarters.

It was perfect timing. What the spectators did not know was Major Hjelm was leading the jets and had also received his promotion that day.

Major Blanton has been with the 101st for nearly three months. He is one of the five forward air control pilots of the 211th Tactical Air Support Squadron that prowl the skies for the "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st.



CIGARS FOR MORALE - Specialist 4 David R. Coffee is lifted from a helicopter by fellow members of the Long Range Rcconnaissance Platoon of the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles." Specialist Coffee fractured his ankle when he leaped from the helicopter to begin a (US Army Photo by SP4 William P. Singley) reconnaissance mission.

## Civilian' Fights War For 39 Hours

By PFC Daniei Stroebel

Khanh Duong - Wayne L. Smith, a 1st Brigade paratrooper, displayed what was considered exceptional courage by staying at his post in the field despite his unusual status as a civilian.

It was short lived, however, 39 hours and 4 minutes to be exact, before Staff Sergeant Belcourt, of Fayetteville, N.C., the brigade reenlistment NCO, could fly out

by helicopter and change Mr. Smith back into Sergeant First Class Wayne L. Smith, battalion supply sergeant, also from Favetteville.

The ceremony took place at the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502 Infantry forward supply area, where the oath was administered by Captain James F. Massey Jr., of Support Battalion, from Harriman, Tenn.

Smith, who has more than

listed for three years. When asked what it was

like to be a civilian for so

18 years in the Army, reen- long, Smith grinned a crooked smile, and ordered his. men to load that outgoing: helicopter as soon as possible\_

#### 'THE PROTEST' by

SP4 Duane A. Kobs C o C, 1/327 Inf

On March 9th at 9:05

I left San Francisco very much alive. Bound for a land I knew little about '

Where bugs and heat were driving men out. But not only bugs and not only heat

But a short little guy with mud on his feet. He wears black pajamas and a rice paddy hat

They call him "Charlie," now how about that. He will sit in a tree with a gun in his lop

And if that doesn't work, he will set a trap.

While back in our nation there is a brand new fight Striking our country with a sickening blight.

Come on gang, let's march at down We can post our signs on the White House lawn\_

We are the ones who will run this nation Let's start right now without hesitation.

"God is dead," the theme for today, Let's start right now without delay.

Let's all grow beards and buy dark glasses, Wear ragged clothes and cut-our classes.

What are we proving by this war? What are our men dying for?

Stop right there! Where I come from

These are the cries of an ignorant bum. I am an Airborne Trooper, yes it's true,

And I hate to see good men die for you. Out in the swamps where I come from

We don't get cut until the fighting is done. All of the Troopers say it's no fun

To protect your life with a "little black gun." So go on-protest and speak!

Speak to protect that yellow streak. But whie you speak, use some realism,

Would you like to live under Communism?"

The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam

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

A NEW SQUAD CAR - This H-13 serves the brigade

Military Police as added mobility in escorting daily convoys

on Highway 1 in Khanh Hoa Province.

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Editor's Note: I misidentified John Burke in this picture printed on page 28 of the April 2012 magazine.



WREATHS PLACED AT THE 101<sup>ST</sup> AIRBORNE DIVISION MONUMENT Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

Editor's Note:

I purchased a wreath for the First Brigade (S). It was placed during the ceremony by a veteran who did not serve in the First Brigade (S). I could not identify it in the great pictures taken by Dr. Michael McKee and forwarded to me by COL (R) Lawrence A. Redmond, 2/327 A 5/67-2/68, so you can see most of them. It is there somewhere.



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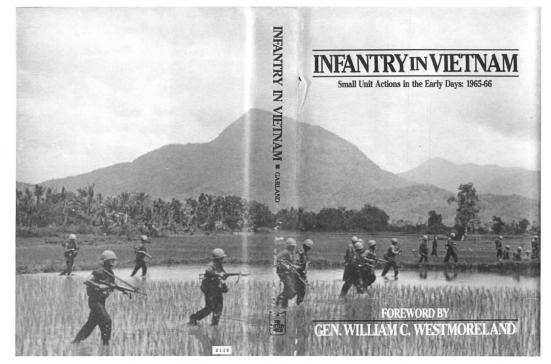
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# IX/special operations

SUCCESS in counterguerrilla warfare is not merely a matter of observing rules or applying standing operating procedures that have proved effective in certain instances, for the unpredictable guerrilla does not conform to any hard and fast tactical doctrine or principles in his operations.

In Vietnam, imagination and foresight have played important roles in developing new tactics and techniques and adapting them to combat under unusual conditions to meet and defeat an unusual enemy. Lieutenant Colonel David H. Hackworth, a highly decorated, former commander of an infantry battalion in Vietnam, puts it this way:

"Jungle warfare demands a complete reorientation from conventional thought and tactics. Don't throw away the book, but a flexible fresh approach to tactics and operations must be developed. As I see it, a new book is being written by the units fighting in Vietnam."<sup>1</sup>

When United States troops joined those of the Republic of Vietnam in 1965, and when the far reaching US B52 bombers initiated their tremendous bombardments at the same time, the enemy embraced the earth and burrowed beneath it for protection. His building of underground emplacements intensified as teams were formed, allocations of work output made, and tunneling begun in earnest. In many cases it was a question only of reopening or extending underground facilities which had been dug in the latter days of World War II during the development of the Viet Minh movement in Saigon. During those days, the Viet Minh had been well indoctrinated in the

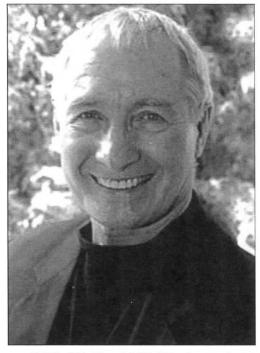
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use of "spider holes" and other underground positions, and had used those positions to great advantage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>LTC David H. Hackworth, "No Magic Formula," INFANTRY, January-February 1967, p. 36.

Editor's Note: Those mentioned in this story who are in the magazine database are, \*COL(R) Dean H. Darling, 1/327 C 66, (only have bad address); MG (R) Jerry A. White, 1/327 CO A 7/66-7/67 and COL (R) David H. Hackworth, 1/327 HQ 63-66, deceased May 4, 05, is mentioned in the introduction.



COL (R) David H. Hackworth



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The twin American strengths of firepower and mobility, sometimes lacking in South Vietnamese Army units, have been paired on occasion with the Vietnamese knowledge of the people to yield an effective force to destroy the enemy's guerrilla infrastructure throughout South Vietnam, a pairing that has developed search and cordon operations to an effective degree. The inherent problems of coordination and security have been overcome by US unit leaders who have had the desire and a favorable attitude to work with the South Vietnamese in joint operations.

In August 1966, two battalions of the 1st Brigade, 101st US Airborne Division deployed into the rich Tuy Hoa valley with the mission of securing the area during the coming rice harvest. Although the 95th NVA Regiment had been driven from this area during the first half of 1966 through the combined efforts of the 1st Brigade and of the South Korean Marine Brigade, the local Viet Cong infrastructure still maintained effective control over large numbers of the local population.<sup>4</sup>

The 1st Battalion, 327th US Infantry was assigned to secure the western valley area, and Lieutenant Colonel Walter E. Meinzen, the battalion's commander, thought he might accomplish his mission by dividing his battalion's sector into company operational areas, then

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Combat experience submitted by CPT Dean H. Darling, USA.

conducting saturation patrolling and ambushing during all hours of the day and night.

Intelligence for a cordon and search operation was developed as Company A conducted routine daily patrolling of its sector. A platoon patrol, approaching the hamlet of Luong Phuoc, received small arms fire from the huts within the hamlet and rushed the hamlet only to find that Viet Cong soldiers who had been doing the shooting had withdrawn. Contact with the enemy soldiers was soon re-established, though, and for the next two hours four or five Viet Cong soldiers would fire sporadically at the platoon, then withdraw only to repeat the action a little later. The platoon's progress was slow, for the enemy soldiers also set out booby traps along their route of withdrawal; they knew the terrain intimately and knew how to make the best use of it; and they also knew that the Americans would not use artillery fire against them because of the rather densely populated area through which they moved.

For the men of the 1st Battalion, the problem loomed large—how could they kill or capture these local guerrillas who never really posed a serious threat but who were ever present and could effectively impose an almost total control over the people of the various hamlets in the valley?

Meinzen decided to try a joint US-South Vietnamese cordon and search operation at Luong Phuoc; his troops possessed more than adequate firepower and mobility, while the local Vietnamese forces were more effective in searching a hamlet and interrogating the people.

The plan worked out by Meinzen called for one of his rifle companies, minus two of its platoons, to operate with a platoon of South Vietnamese Popular Force (PF) soldiers and attached National Police representatives, to seal off and search the hamlet for Viet Cong soldiers. Six UH-1D transport helicopters would be made available, as well as some armed helicopter support, while the tactics would be as simple as possible: the US force would leave its base during the night, move by foot into blocking positions around Luong Phuoc by 0500, and secure a landing zone on which the Popular Force platoon would land an hour later. When the PF platoon had landed, an American squad would join the platoon and the sweep would begin. The armed helicopters would initially support the landing, then would shift to screen a river north of the hamlet to prevent an enemy escape by boat. Meinzen's command and control helicopter would

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overfly the operation with the battalion's artillery liaison officer on board prepared to adjust the fire of two supporting artillery battalions.

But even before the battalion had deployed into its operational area, Meinzen had sent his S2, Captain Dean H. Darling, to make a courtesy call on the district chief, a South Vietnamese Army (ARVN) Captain. During the course of his call, Captain Darling opened the subjects of joint American-Vietnamese patrolling and the exchange of intelligence information. He came away from the meeting satisfied that the ground work for a good working relationship had been laid.

During the morning hours of the day before the operation was to begin, Darling again visited the district chief to talk over some of the various happenings which had taken place since their last meeting. The specific details of the operation were left somewhat vague for security purposes, and Darling asked that the Popular Force platoon and the National Policemen join the battalion that same evening to avoid a late start the following day. The district chief agreed, and at 1700 the PF platoon and two National Policemen moved to the 1st Battalion's command post where they were accorded a rousing welcome, given a hot meal, and assigned a sleeping area within the perimeter. Then, just before dark, the platoon was assembled and given a detailed briefing on the morrow's operation.

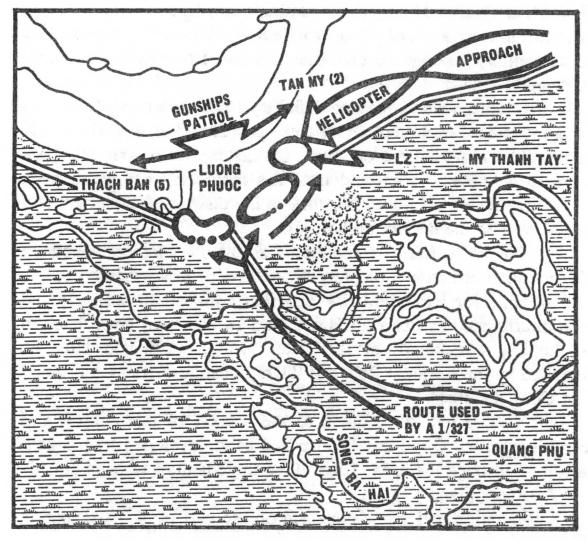
Most of the Vietnamese soldiers and one of the policemen were familiar with Luong Phuoc and were certain that a Viet Cong cell did in fact operate in the hamlet. The PF soldiers displayed great enthusiasm for the operation, asking numerous questions and in turn being questioned to make certain that each understood his part.

At ten minutes before six the following morning, the lift helicopters and the command and control helicopter landed on a lighted pickup site which had been marked by the battalion's communications officer, Captain Dave Tambling.

Meanwhile, Captain Jerry White, Company A's commander, had moved his unit just before midnight of the previous day across the rice paddies towards the hamlet. A short time later he had reported that his cordon forces were in their blocking positions and that the landing zone had been secured. (*Map* 67)

Precisely at 0600 white smoke was set off to mark the landing zone for the inbound helicopters, and seconds later the PF platoon was on the ground. The US squad which had been securing the LZ

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Map 67. Cordon and Search

joined the South Vietnamese soldiers and the sweep into the hamlet began; above, the helicopter gunships turned their attention to the river which ran parallel to the north side of the village.

Within minutes after the sweep had started, enemy gunfire began coming from the edge of the hamlet. The contact was brief—two Viet Cong soldiers were killed almost immediately by return fire, while two others were dispatched as, fleeing from the hamlet, they ran into one of the blocking US platoons.

Search of the hamlet now began in earnest, and the men of the PF platoon were pictures of confidence as they moved through the bamboo thickets within the hamlet, poking and probing the stacks of rice straw, searching bunkers and houses, questioning the somewhat surprised civilians. Suspected members of the Viet Cong movement were collected and sent in groups under guard back to the landing zone where they underwent a more detailed interrogation from Sergeant

First Class Charlie Hawk, the battalion's intelligence sergeant, and from two interrogation of prisoner of war (IPW) teams from the Brigade's military intelligence detachment assisted by the two National Policemen.

Those civilians who appeared definitely to be members of the Viet Cong movement were kept under close guard, and as a load was accumulated a request went out for a lift helicopter to carry the prisoners to a holding compound near the battalion's command post. Later, they would be moved by truck to the district headquarters and turned over to the district authorities.

By 1000 the search was completed as the PF platoon linked up with the platoons from Company A. All troops now returned to the landing zone for extraction. By this time, almost 40 suspects had been interrogated by Sergeant Hawk, and 14 had been flown back to the holding compound; of the latter group, six would later be identified by the National Police at district headquarters as confirmed Viet Cong members.

Many factors had contributed to the success of this cordon and search operation. Good intelligence had been developed by frequent patrolling through the area. Then, three ingredients had been added:

• A simple plan.

• Cooperation and professionalism on the part of all participating US units.

• The ability of the Americans and the Vietnamese to work together.

Because the necessary resources could be found within the battalion or from among units in direct support of the battalion, the plan could be coordinated and implemented with a minimum of lead time and with less danger of failure because of the sudden withdrawal of a necessary element. And because an effort to establish a good working relationship had been made earlier, a system had been developed whereby smooth and secure joint operations could be arranged on short notice.



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