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



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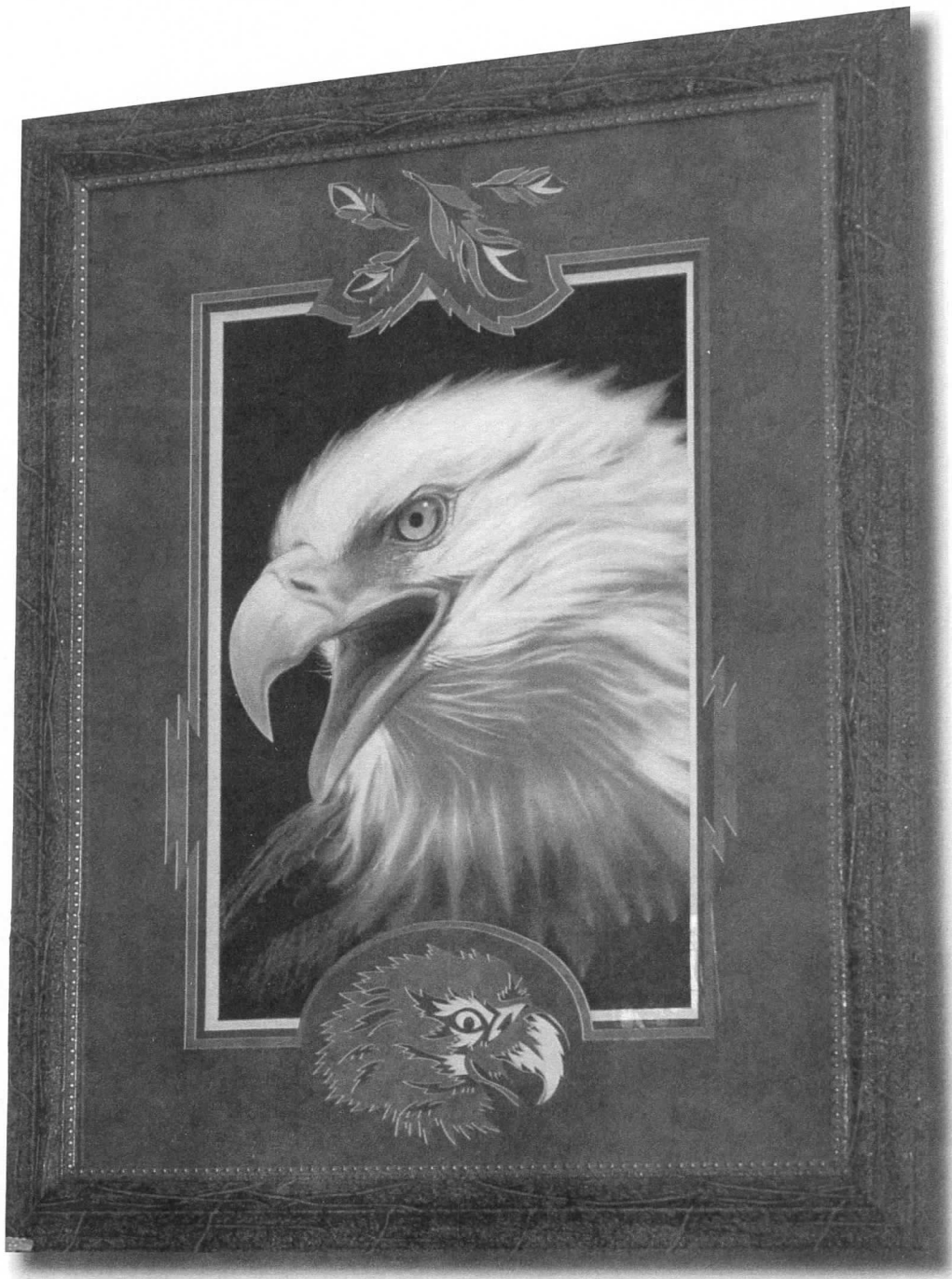
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SCREAMING EAGLE



I attended an East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association dinner in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the guest of COL (R) Joe R. Alexander, 3/506 A 10/67-10/68, and his wife Rikki in May. It was to honor Sergeant Major Paul Huff who was the first paratrooper (as a Corporal in the 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment) to be awarded the Medal of Honor. We served together in the First Airborne Battle Group, 327th Infantry at Fort Campbell in 1956 - 57. The picture above is Betty Huff, widow of Paul Huff, and Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, before dinner. The coin (below) was presented to all who attended. I strongly encourage all to send material for publication.



I have endeavored to publish most of the material sent. I can no longer try to interpret indecipherable writing. Please send what you wish to have published in legible form. Do not be surprised if illegible material is returned as unreadable.

This magazine is produced by and for veterans of the ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE who served in the brigade from July 1965 through January 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).

T-shirts and golf shirts will be removed from the magazine advertising section after this issue.

The pay scale, shown on page 6 of the unit newspaper and page 22 of the magazine, shows the enormous inflation of our currency and of Army pay since we were serving in Viet Nam. Less than \$1,000.00 a month sounds small now but it was adequate at the time.

Something I have known for many years that was reinforced with pictures in this magazine, if you wear a cap with a bill you can almost be assured your picture will be a body with a shadow where the face should be.

Once again, with this issue, I ran out of magazine before I ran out of material. The October issue now has material ready to publish.

Look for more details about the 50th Anniversary of arriving in Viet Nam celebration (July 29, 2015) in the October magazine (see page 3).

If you have not made your reservations for the 2013 101st Airborne Division Association Reunion in Portland, Oregon, August 14 -17 contact the Association office (see page 36).

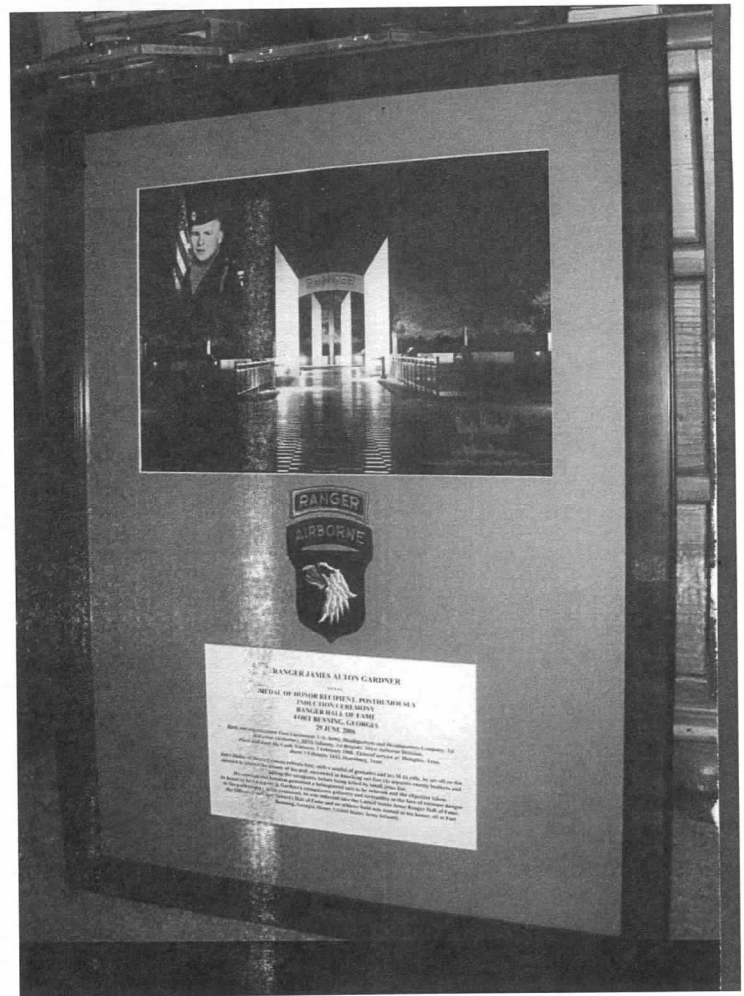


This is a new picture at my house. It was purchased in Arlington, Virginia, last December. I believe it sets a positive tone in my den.



JAMES GARDNER MOH IN THE RANGER HALL OF FAME

Material sent by Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65.



RANGER JAMES ALTON GARDNER

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT, POSTHUMOUSLY INDUCTION CEREMONY RANGER HALL OF FAME FORT BENNING, GEORGIA 29 JUNE 2006

Rank and organization: First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.

Place and date: My Canh, Vietnam, 7 February 1966. *Entered service at:* Memphis, Tenn.

Born: 7 February 1943, Dyersburg, Tenn.

Jim's Medal of Honor Citation reflects how, with a armful of grenades and his M-16 rifle, he set off on the mission to silence the enemy of his unit, succeeded in knocking out five (5) separate enemy bunkers and killing the occupants, before being killed by small arms fire.

His courage and heroism permitted a beleaguered unit to be relieved and the objective taken. In honor of 1st/Lt. James A. Gardner's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in the face of extreme danger to the paratroopers in his command, he was inducted into the United States Army Ranger Hall of Fame, the Officers Candidate School's Hall of Fame and an athletic field was named in his honor, all at Fort Benning, Georgia, Home, United States Army Infantry.



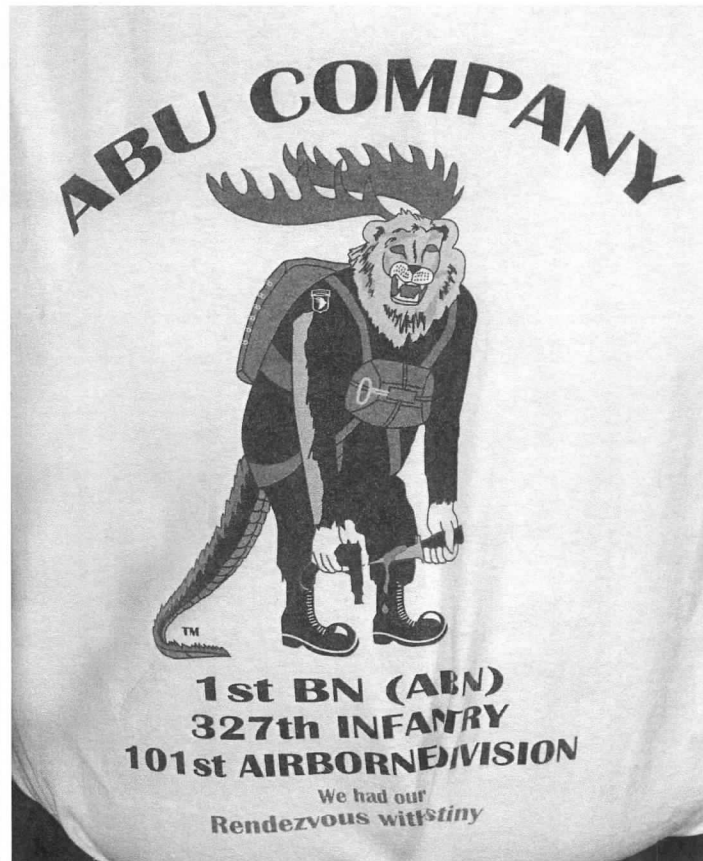
(Photo caption by Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65.) 1LT Jim Gardner in passenger seat; Lt Jim Heiberger (my boyhood friend from Peoria, IL [now an MD in Colorado Springs, CO] who I brought up from a medical unit at Qui Nhon to Task Force Hanson to experience a patrol with the 101st Airborne – in hindsight, a dumb thing to do to my friend, who I might have gotten needlessly killed or wounded); both the driver and blond paratrooper were with Task Force Hanson, names now escape me. I took the photo as they were leaving to drop Jim Heiberger off at his unit. This was in the Fall of 1965, probably after Operation Gibraltar (18 Sept 65).

FIRST 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 35



ABU REUNION

For all Ibu's / Abu's. All we have now is it will be 26 Sep to 30 Sep 2013, at a motel in the Oak Grove area on Hwy 41-A North, about 3 miles North of Ft. Campbell's Gate 4. We will be attempting to obtain a group rate at one of the 4 motels (?).

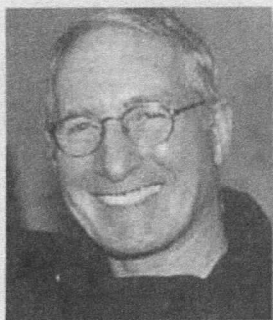
We plan to visit Abu Company, 1-327 on Friday 27 Sep and insert some photos in the 57 year old Abu Scrap Book (you will recognize some old Ibu's / Abu's in that photo album), and present a book that I created depicting info on all Abu's (127) that died in VN.

Pizza by the pool one evening, hopefully, a room for a hospitality room where we can sit and talk and conduct a Dog and Pony show. We plan to do something for the ladies (a dinner -- a massage -- a pedicure -- a manicure -- flowers, etc) -- since at the 101 ABD reunions, the ladies, mostly, quietly sit there and listen to all the war stories -- and other stuff.

For more information contact: LTC(R) Billy R. Robbins, 1/327 ABU 7/65-8/66, P. O. Box A-1327, Sharpsburg, NC 27878-1327, (252) 382-2300, (859) 327-1327, e-mail: <abuonezero@gmail.com>.

David Hackworth, COL(R) 1/327 HQ 63-66

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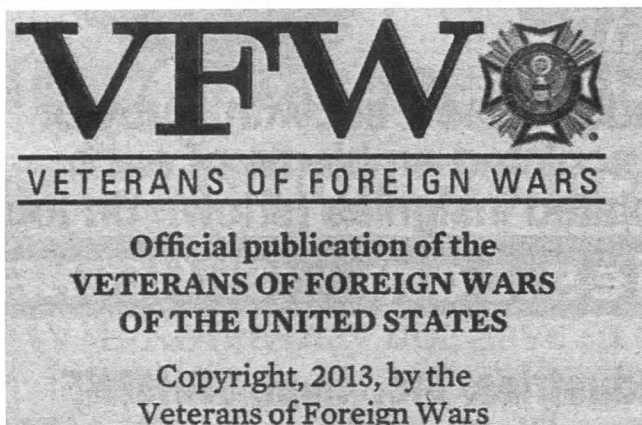
DAVID HACKWORTH, Journalist, Businessman and Soldier (1930-2005) b. Santa Monica, Calif.

Author of six books on the military and a syndicated columnist for King Features, Hackworth became a war correspondent at age 60. He was *Newsweek's* contributing editor for defense from 1990-96. Hackworth was a strong advocate for military reform, one of his greatest achievements attaining the title "champion of the grunt." He also was a successful businessman (restaurateur) in Australia.

In the Korean War, he fought with the 5th Recon Company, 8th Ranger Company and E and G companies of the 27th Inf. Regt, 25th Div., during 1950-52. Earning a battlefield

commission on May 5, 1951, Hackworth led the all-volunteer 27th Wolfhound Raiders. On his second tour from November 1952-53, he led F Co., 223rd Inf. Regt., 40th Div., around the Punchbowl. All told, he participated in eight campaigns. He was awarded three Silver Stars in 1951 and the Purple Heart.

Hackworth's entire Army career spanned the years 1945-71. He did four tours in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Div., and the 4th Bn., 39th Inf. Regt., 9th Inf. Div., between 1965 and 1970. Combat there earned him two Distinguished Service Crosses (1966 and 1969), another seven Purple Hearts and seven more Silver Stars. Hackworth was easily one of the most highly decorated soldiers in U.S. military history, as well as one of the most controversial.



Editor's Note: My old friend Dave Hackworth, COL(R) 1/327 HQ 63-66, is running in some pretty impressive company in the June/July 2013 VFW magazine. Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65, was the Brigade Intelligence Officer when Dave was Operations and Training Officer. Dave was promoted to Battalion Commander while I was serving in the Brigade.

50th Anniversary Commemoration



The two logos above are a first draft for artwork to identify the July 2015 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the First Brigade (S) 101st Airborne Division landing in Viet Nam. The back of the logo (it will more than likely also be a coin) will have the place and

dates of the celebration added to finalize it. The celebration will be on the week of the 27th of July 2015. The hotel and schedule are a work in progress. The 50th Anniversary gathering will be sponsored by THE FIRST SCREAMING EAGLES in VIET NAM magazine.



First Brigade (S) veterans had a Band of Brothers meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1989. Tim Swain, HHC S-2 65, sent this picture. They are (L to R top row) unknown; L. C. Pennycuff, BDE HQ 6/65-5/66; unknown; Robert L. Morton [deceased] 1/327 C 65-66; Donald Korman, 1/327 65-66 and Patrick H. Graves Jr., 1/327 B 7/65 - 7/66. Front row (L to R) are Tim Swain; John L. "Dynamite" Hughes, USA (R) 1/327 HQ T.F. 6/65-6/66; COL (R) David H. Hackworth [deceased] 1/327 HQ 63-66; CW4(R) Charlie M. Musselwhite, 1/327 HHC 7/65- 6/66 and CSM Leo B. Smith [deceased] A 2/327. *(Editor's Note: Dave Hackworth was my friend who served in the Brigade when I was there and also was helpful with allowing me to use anything he published in this magazine. Dave wanted me to write a book about the true story of the Tiger Force to debunk the misinformation in the TOLEDO BLADE story. Leo Smith was First Sergeant of A Company, 327 Airborne Battle Group in 1956 – 57 when I was the Company Commander of Company C. Leo and I got together often when he was putting the Medal of Honor Museum together in Chattanooga.)*

TO TIM SWAIN,

A GREAT COMBAT LEADER AND THE GUY THAT PUT THE SCREAM IN THE "SCREAMING EAGLES." YOU'RE ONE HELL OF A GREAT AMERICAN AND MY SPECIAL FRIEND.

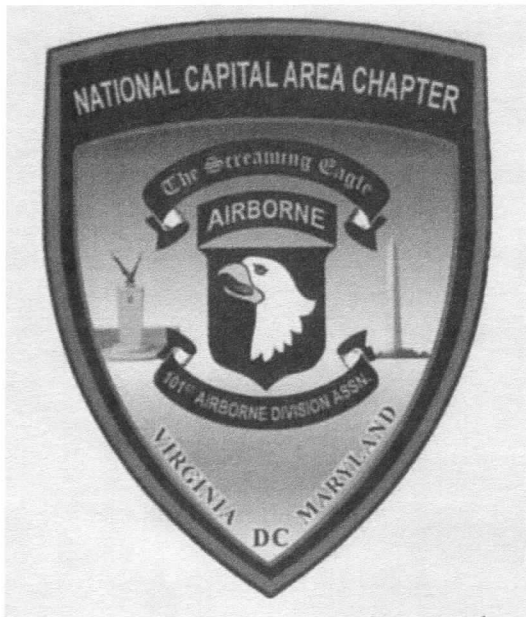
WARMEST REGARDS,
HACK
(9-8-89)

(Note to Tim Swain from COL(R) David H. Hackworth (1/327 HQ 63-66) deceased May 4, 05)

MEMORIAL DAY 2013 WITH THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER

FRIDAY MAY 24, 2013

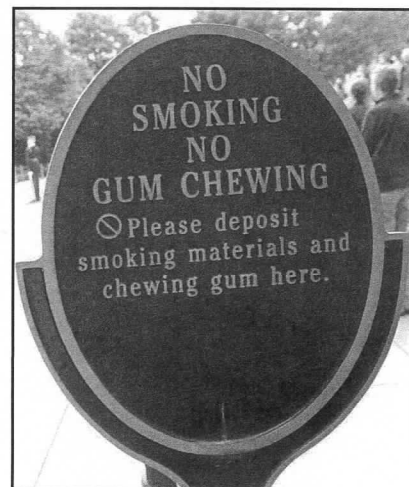
Editor's Note: I will depart from my usual practice of featuring, almost exclusively, First Brigade (S) veterans with this material about Memorial Day 2013. This was my most meaningful Memorial Day visit to Washington, D. C., and the success of my trip can be credited to the members of the National Capital Area Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association. I hope my four day experience will encourage other Screaming Eagle veterans to visit our nation's capital and join with the National Capital Area Chapter in honoring those who served in the 101st Airborne Division and who are no longer with us to participate in these wonderful events planned by the Chapter each year with a very meaningful event on each of the four day Memorial Day holiday. I probably should lead this article with a narcissus because most of the material is about my activities while in the Washington area.



Photos are by Dr. Michael McKee [McKee pix] of Charlottesville, Virginia, my daughter Anne Worrell Beech [Anne pix] from Arlington, Virginia, and two i-phone pictures by my grandson LTC (P) Clint Kirk [Clint pix], who is a student at the National War College.



In the afternoon the 101st Airborne Division Association representatives were scheduled to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. These two signs help to set the tone for visitors. [McKee pix]



Wreath laying detail just prior to placing the 101st Airborne Division Association wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns (L to R) LTC (P) Erick Heist, a student at the National War College; Jim Keeton, Vice President of the 101st Airborne Division Association; Morris Pearson, President of the National Capital Area Chapter and Ivan Worrell. [McKee pix]



The front two in the formation, Jim Keeton and Ivan Worrell were asked, or told, to step forward and place both hands on the wreath and then the Old Guard soldier walked backward with the wreath layers following to place the wreath in its proper place. [McKee pix]



Close up of the formation saluting during taps shows (back row) LTC Erick Heist and Morris Pearson (front row) Jim Keeton and Ivan Worrell and the Sergeant of the Guard. [Anne pix]



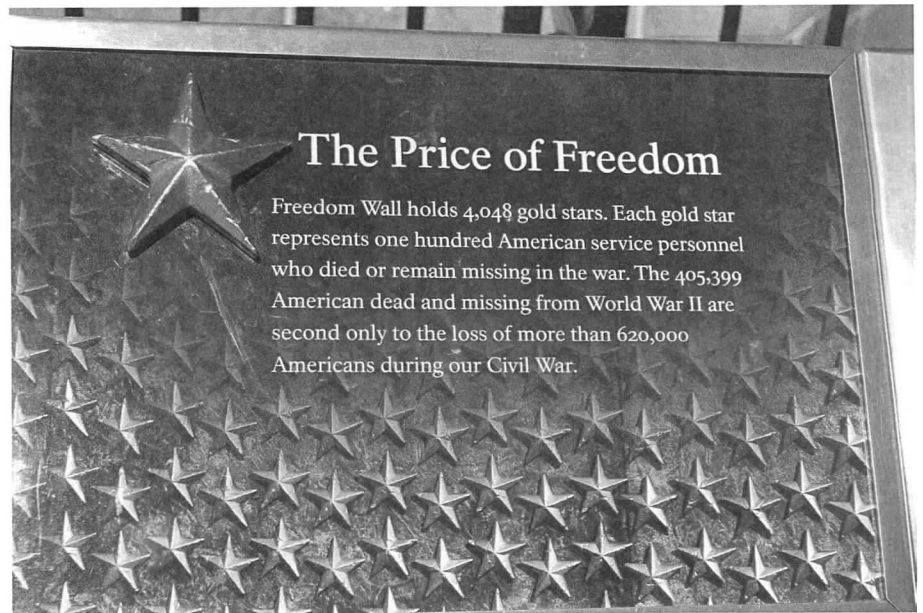
After the wreath is placed, Jim Keeton and Ivan Worrell return to their places in the formation and the bugler sounds taps. [McKee pix]



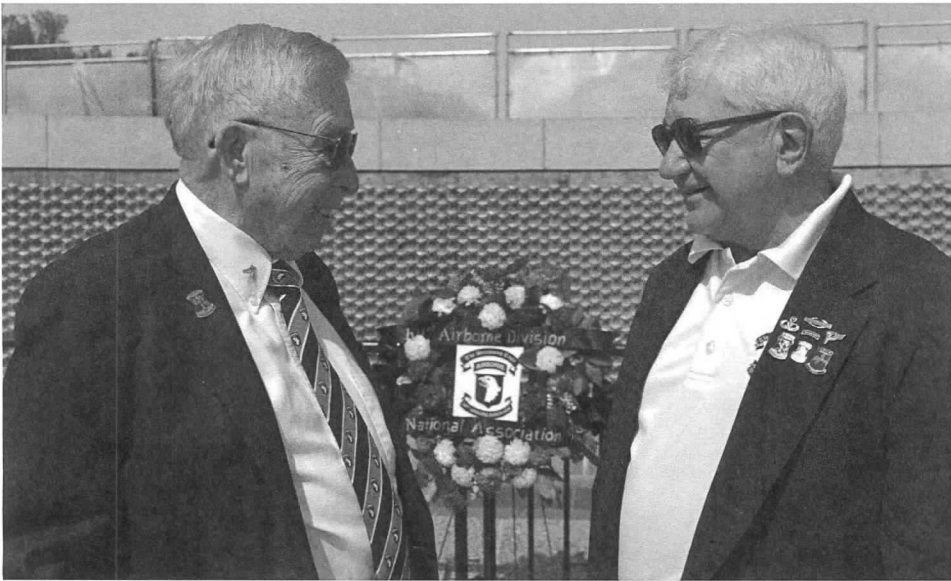
The 101st Airborne Division Association wreath is properly placed near the Tomb of the Unknowns. [McKee pix]

SATURDAY MAY 25, 2013

The chapter used a very comfortable bus that loaded at The Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington to move those who attended to three national memorials. They were the World War II Memorial, The Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



This plaque speaks volumes about World War II. That great wall of stars denotes more sacrifice than most can imagine. [Anne pix]



There being no WWII Screaming Eagle veterans present, the Chapter President, Morris Pearson, laid the 101 Association Wreath and (L to R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, LTC (R) Richard C. Schonberger, 2/327 HHC 7/66-7/67, found something to discuss with the 101st Association and that great wall of stars in the background. [Anne pix]

Ivan Worrell, the only Korean War veteran present, had the opportunity to place the 101st Association wreath at the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to make a presentation about a Psychological Warfare operation on a rainy night in Korea in support of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, commanded by Colonel William C. Westmoreland. Morris Pearson, President of the National Capital Area Chapter is on the right. [McKee pix]





Bob Ponzo, Treasurer of the National Capital Area Chapter and a Viet Nam veteran placed the 101st wreath and made a presentation at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. [Anne pix]



Ivan Worrell had a picture made with the 101st wreath at the Vietnam Wall. [Anne pix]



Richard C. Schonberger, 2/327 HHC 7/66-7/67, placing the 327 wreath at the 101st Airborne Division Memorial. [Anne pix]

Ivan Worrell placed a wreath honoring the dead from the First Brigade (S) 101st Airborne Division in Viet Nam as well as those who have died as veterans. [Anne pix]





The Color Guard from the Old Guard retires the colors at the end of the ceremony with the Screaming Eagle atop the 101st Airborne Division Memorial in the background. [Anne pix]

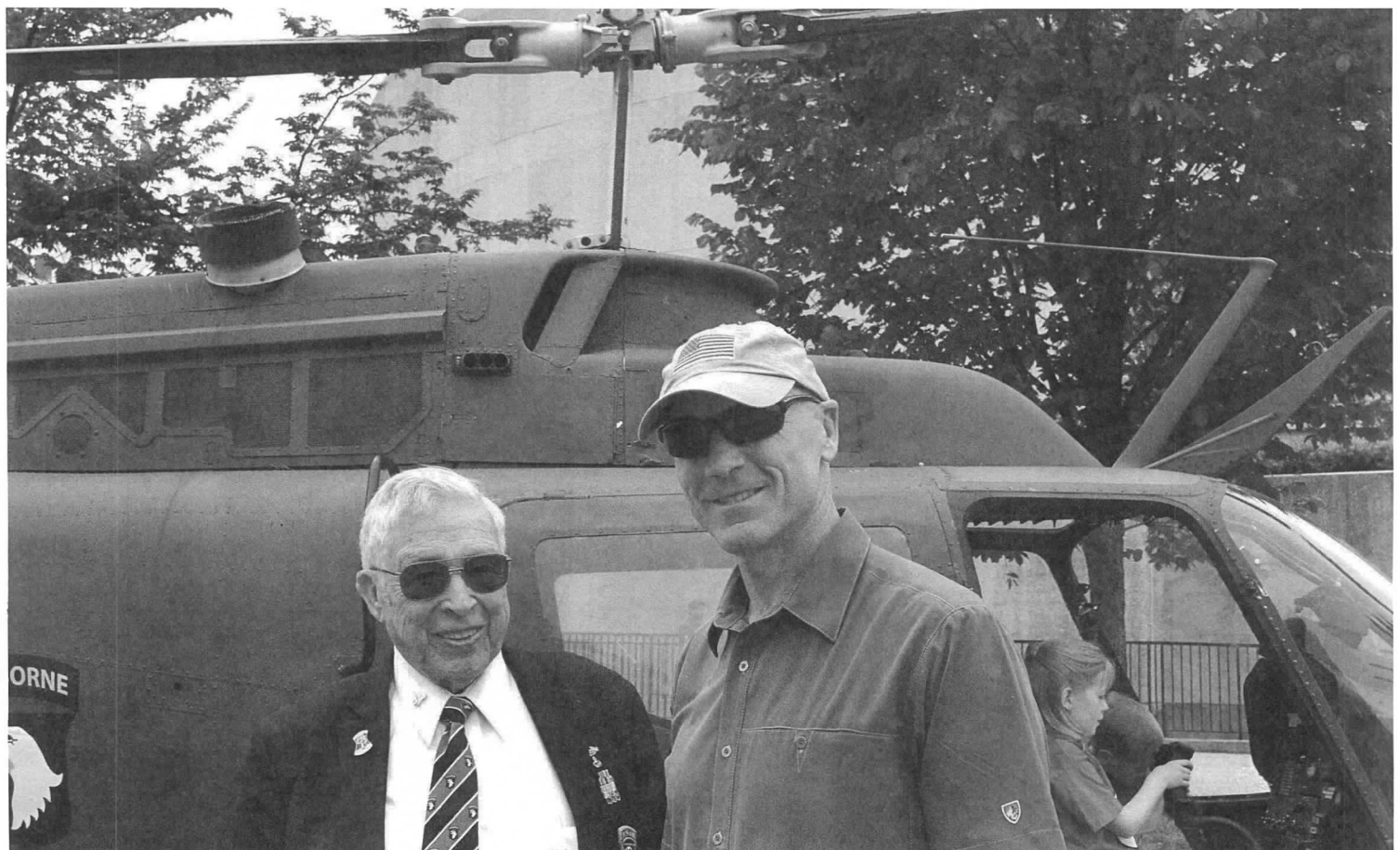
(L to R) Ben Lam, 2/502 HQ 65-71, who did the translation for the captured picture shown on page 32 (whose caption has more information about him) and Dr. Michael McKee who is responsible for those pictures identified as [McKee pix].



(L to R) the National Capital Area Chapter Vice President C. K. Gailey is installed as President and former Chapter President Morris Pearson has been elected Vice President. They are exchanging a frame that contains memorabilia from General Maxwell D. Taylor and donated to the chapter by Mrs. Taylor. The president is responsible for this piece of history while in office. [McKee pix]



A few yards before reaching the 101st designated waiting area for the parade a helicopter with 101st patch was waiting. (L to R) Anne Worrell Beech [Anne pix], Ivan Worrell's great granddaughter, Ella Kirk and Ivan Worrell. Great grandson Zachary Kirk moved out before the picture was taken. [Clint pix]



Ivan Worrell with his grandson LTC (P) Clint Kirk who is a student at the National War College. He along with his daughter Ella and son Zachary went off to see the complete parade. [Anne pix]



Ivan Worrell is riding on a Mustang in the parade. The Central Virginia Mustang Club came from Richmond, Virginia, to support the Screaming Eagles with a great ride. [Anne pix]

2013 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC

By [Rachel Cooper](#), *About.com Guide*

The National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC is a flag-waving event with patriotic marches and floats. The Parade is sponsored by the World War II Veterans Committee and is an annual tradition of remembrance for those who have died serving our country. The 2013 National Memorial Day Parade will include musical performers and celebrity veterans and supporters of the military, including Pat Sajak, Gary Sinise, Joe Mantegna, and Miss America. The parade will be televised live to U.S. service members around the world on The Pentagon Channel.

Date and Time: Monday, May 27, 2013, 2 p.m. The parade will be preceded by musical performances and ceremonies at the reviewing stand at 1 p.m. at the National Archives, at the corner of 7th St. and Constitution Avenue.

Parade Route: The National Memorial Day Parade begins at at the corner of Constitution Avenue and 7th Streets, NW and proceeds along Constitution Avenue, past the White House, ending at 17th Street.



The Ford Mustang carrying Ivan Worrell is a few yards past the reviewing stand. There was considerable parade to finish. [Clint pix]

Hi Ivan, I hope to find you in good health and good spirits. Enclosed you will find a copy of my orders for a Bronze Star with V device. I would be proud if you enter it in your Honor Roll. Please keep up the good work with "The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam."

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM
APO San Francisco 96307

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 3302

1 June 1966

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ENGLISH, MATHEW A. RA12692054 SPECIALIST FIVE E5 United States Army
HHC, 2d Bn (Abn), 327th Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO US Forces 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 26 September 1965

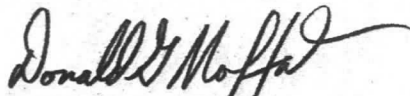
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Specialist Five English distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 26 September 1965 while serving as a member of a reconnaissance platoon near Ninh Binh, Republic of Vietnam. On this date, Specialist Five English's platoon was conducting a search and clear operation. As the platoon was moving across an open, marshy rice paddy enroute to their objective, they were engaged by intense automatic weapons fire from well concealed positions on a hill a short distance to their front. A member of the lead squad was hit and seriously wounded and lay exposed to the Viet Cong fire. Specialist Five English rushed forward from his position through the withering hostile fire to aid the wounded man. With complete disregard for his safety, he rendered first aid to the wounded man, undaunted by the intense volume of bullets striking around him. Continuously exposing himself to the unrelenting fire, Specialist Five English bodily dragged his comrade approximately 150 meters to a relatively secure area from which he could be evacuated by helicopter. Specialist Five English's outstanding aggressiveness, devotion to duty, and personal bravery were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:



DONALD G. MOFFAT
1st Lt, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

C. M. MOUNT, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Acting Chief of Staff

HEADQUARTERS
1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
APO SF 96347

GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER 15

2 September 1965

1. TC 322. Under the provisions of AR 672-5-1 following individuals this station awarded BADGES as indicated.

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

BURKHEART, GEORGE W OF100086 1ST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army
PETERS, HOWARD H RA17381786 STAFF SERGEANT E6 United States Army
KOONTZ, LAWRENCE N RA13435250 STAFF SERGEANT E6 United States Army
ANDERSON, JOHN F JR RA14605910 STAFF SERGEANT E6 United States Army
BURT, RICHARD M RA18660902 SERGEANT E5 United States Army
DELADE, ALBERT J JR RA12674842 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
TETERS, FLOYD M JR RA19686533 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
GARDNER, DENNIS L JR RA15683794 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
MURRY, JOSEPH L RA11411417 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
SMITH, ALFRED E RA12683841 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
REZAC, ROBIN S RA19775929 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
REED, JOHN H RA15693307 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
MARSHALL, JOE E RA17682461 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
WATSON, DONALD S RA16766915 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
* WOODS, LUTHER L 099029 1ST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army
* OMMERT, CHARLES R RA15271664 PLATOON SERGEANT E7 United States Army
MOORE, HARRY M RA16283224 STAFF SERGEANT E6 United States Army
* DAY, GEORGE W RA15605566 SERGEANT E5 United States Army
* IPOCK, SAMMY D RA14745573 SERGEANT E5 United States Army
* SULLIVAN, PATRICK RA12650801 SERGEANT E5 United States Army
PARRIS, KLOY B RA20621596 SERGEANT E5 United States Army
* ENGLISH, MATTHEW A RA12692054 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
* BEISE, MANFORD RA14816276 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
* MANUEL, HERBERT L RA19779476 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
* BELLMORE, STEPHEN W RA19754774 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
CORNEJO, RICHARD RA19763054 SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
* PATE, JERRY US53380969 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
* DEBONIS, BERNONE RA17655903 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
* STILES, JOHN R RA16795390 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
* SCALFE, JAMES W RA12727336 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
* FOSTER, DAVID P RA16711811 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
* LOCH, ADOLF US55780884 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
SHARE, WILLIAM M US51542182 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
POVENTUD, ANGEL US51534001 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
CARRINO, DONNIE O US51542220 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
ADAMS, HAROLD L US52592386 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army

* men in my platoon



This white ceramic 11 ounce
mug has the
FULL COLOR FIRST BRIGADE (S)
logo on two sides.
\$13.00 + \$5.50 shipping through the
U.S. Postal Service a total of \$18.50.

See order form on Page 35.

FIRST BRIGADE SCRAPBOOK



The FIRST BRIGADE, 101st Airborne Division SCRAPBOOK was compiled by Department of the Army "For Fighting Men too Busy to Keep Their Own!"

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.

Cost is \$15.00 per copy postpaid. See the order form on page 35.



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

Page 1, LIFE SAVING TEAM photo by ***Dan S. Stroebel, BDE HQ PIO dates??. **ALERT SCOUT DOG SAVES COMPANY FROM AMBUSH** story by William P. Singley, BDE HQ PIO 67; *Todd W. Lang, 1/327 C 6/66-6/67; COL(R) Harry C. Stevenson, 1/327 C, HHC, B 5/67-12/68; *John D. Carey, 1/327 C & TF 6/66-6/67.

Page 2, NUTS AND BOLTS OR MINE? photo by Michael A. Willey, BRIGADE PIO 9/66-10/67. **17th CAVALRY NCO STARTS FIREFIGHT BY THROWING GRENADE INTO BUNKER**, Donald Perez, 2/17th CAV A 66-67.

Page 3, PARKING LOT ATTENDANT photo by Michael A. Willey, BRIGADE PIO 9/66-10/67.

Page 4, VC WEAPON photo by Michael A. Willey, BRIGADE PIO 9/66-10/67, COL(R) Joseph V. Rafferty, 2/327 HHC 6/66-6/67. **SCREAMING EAGLE HONOR ROLL, Bronze Star Medal With "V" Device**, James A. Donnelly, 1/327 B&HQ 6/66-6/67; Dr. Bradford E. Mutchler, 1/327 HHC 11/66-11/67; *Mansfield Bias, 1/327 B 6/66-6/67; *Benjamin R. Chambers, 1/327 B 4/66-4/67; LTC (R) Gary L. Forbes, 1/327 B TF 5/66-6/67 & 5/68-5/69 and SGM (R) Thomas Rosales, 1/327 HHC TF 8/66-8/67. **Bronze Star Medal**, C. T. (Guy) Jamieson, Jr., 326 ENGR A 5/66-6/67; **Roger Ramsier, 1/327 A 66-67; LTC(R) John J. Dorsey, 2/327 A 6/66-5/67 and PSG Ray C. Utley, 1/327 B 7/66-7/67.

Page 5, 'GROUND POUNDERS' FIND EAGLE FLIGHT EXCITING, ***Mike Gore, 2/327 A 10-66/10/67. **ALL CALIFORNIANS**, *Jack J. Nelson, 2/502 E & A 9/66-4/67; **H & I FIRING PAYS OFF, COMPANY FINDS 4 DEAD**, Peter P. C. V. Pepper, 2/327 A 8/66-3/68. **'ROUND UP' DENIES FOOD TO VIET CONG**, Wayne J. Prokup, HQ & HQ 1st BDE 4/67-12/68.

Page 6, The proposed pay tables on the bottom of the page is a real eye opener. The good old days were not that good.

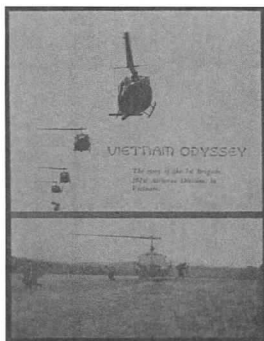
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VIETNAM ODYSSEY, The First Year is available for ALWAYS FIRST BRIGADE veterans.

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.

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Brigade Kills 392 As Malheur Ends

DSC To Ft. Ord Captain For Heroism At Dak To

Served As Plat Leader In I/327 Inf

SAIGON—A former platoon leader in the brigade received the Distinguished Service Cross at Ft. Ord, Calif. for extraordinary heroism at Dak To last June.

Captain Kenneth G. Collins, then a lieutenant in Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, led his platoon up a densely vegetated hill when the area was suddenly pinned down by heavy automatic weapons fire. Collins led his unit up the hill, became pinned down by an enemy bunker and knocked out the communist position with a grenade.

Enemy emplacements around the Screaming Eagle opened fire and though wounded severely in the left eye by shrapnel, Collins managed to lead his platoon in a savage assault that wiped out numerous VC positions before being stopped by a murderous rain of machine gun fire.

Collins withdrew, regrouped and charged the hill in an effort to recover all of his dead and wounded.

After inflicting serious casualties on the enemy and recovering his own casualties, Collins brought his platoon back into the company perimeter in the valley below.



Prayer Book Stops M-79

DUC PHO—A Catholic prayer book and the nearness of a hidden VC saved the life of a 2/327 PFC.

Private First Class Joaquin Robledo, San Jose, Calif., Company C, was walking point for his platoon when an enemy soldier jumped from the brush 12 feet away and fired a M-79 at him point blank.

The round struck him on the left pocket of his uniform jacket where he carried his prayer book. The grenade failed to explode.

The projectile is armed only after traveling a certain distance and then explodes on impact. This time the projectile hadn't traveled far enough to arm itself and the prayer book absorbed the crushing impact of the round.

Stunned but conscious, Robledo recovered quickly and fired on the enemy fleeing down the trail.

Later he was treated by medics for possible broken bones and evacuated to brigade headquarters for x-rays.



LIFE-SAVING TEAM—Specialist 4 Robert Brez, El Cernito, Calif., and his scout dog "Thunder" prevented a Viet Cong ambush planned for a company of paratroopers in the 1st Brigade. (US Army Photo by SP4 D. Stroebel)

Bde Ends Operation; Malheur II Begins

SAIGON—Operation Malheur conducted by the brigade near Duc Pho was terminated June 8 and is followed by Malheur II in the same general area.

The Screaming Eagles killed 392 communists, detained 171 suspects, captured 151 individual and 11 crew-served weapons, 82.5 tons of rice and 12 tons of salt.

Fifty-one paratroopers were killed and 285 wounded during the 28-day operation.

The first day of Malheur II netted 10 enemy dead and nine weapons captured by the brigade approximately 10 kilometers east of Phu Bai.

BULLETIN

SAIGON—Paratroopers of the brigade today found their heaviest fighting since Operation "Malheur II" began Thursday.

Sweeping through dense jungles west of Duc Pho, the "Screaming Eagles" battled the enemy, killing 21. They detained 152 persons for interrogation. Troopers also found graves containing 14 enemy bodies, believed to have been killed several days ago.

Malheur was initiated May 11 in an area 10 kilometers northwest of Duc Pho after the brigade joined Task Force Oregon in I Corps following operations near Khanh Duong.

The 1st Brigade is operating as part of Oregon which also includes the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Alert Scout Dog Saves Company From Ambush

by SP4 William P. Singley

DUC PHO—A scout dog who almost died a few months ago from general anemia, alerted his handler to a VC ambush near here recently, saving a 101st Airborne company.

Thunder, a grey and white German Shepherd, and his handler Specialist 4 Robert Brez, El Cernito, Calif., were walking point for Company C of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry. Suddenly Thunder stopped.

Brez passed word back to Staff Sergeant Charles Ramsey, Long Island, N.Y., who ordered his men into attack formation.

"By moving in we forced the VC to trigger their am-

bush to our advantage," said Ramsey.

"We dropped our packs and went right up the hill," said Specialist 4 Todd W. Lang, Richmond, Calif. "They hit us with automatic weapons and grenades, but we hit them right back."

The enemy fire had some paratroopers pinned down until Specialist 4 Daniel Cooper, Washington, D.C., scored a direct hit on a bunker with his light anti-tank weapon (LAW).

"We came in from all sides," said Private First Class Tony L. Reeves. "The VC didn't know where to go."

Private First Class Ben Lobato, Fruita, Colo., was

aiding two wounded men when a grenade exploded among them. Miraculously no one was injured.

"I found myself rolling down the hill," said Lobato. "When I got up I wasn't hurt."

Meanwhile the 2d Platoon, commanded by Second Lieutenant Harry C. Stevenson, Dallas, was routing the enemy from their bunkers.

"The lieutenant did a great job handling the men," said Sergeant Anthony J. Tinsley, Louisville, Ky. "He had his weapon blown from his hands and threw grenades until he found another rifle nearby."

"They were so close you could hear them jabbering,"

said Specialist 4 James H. Jackson, Vissalia, Calif. He saw a wounded Viet Cong reaching for his weapon and halted the attempt with an M-16 rifle burst.

The fighting was close. So close that Sergeant Patrick Lacy, Granbury, Tex., was able to crawl alongside a bunker and drop a grenade inside. The VC tried to shoot him as he dived for cover, but the grenade got them first.

When Specialist 4 Willie C. Hooker, Roxbury, Mass., reached the hilltop, he ran out of ammunition. He picked up an enemy weapon and opened fire on the now-fleeing enemy.

The hill was taken and the

few remaining VC fled before the Screaming Eagles.

"We took the hill and everyone did an outstanding job," said Platoon Sergeant Amos T. Griffey, Clarksville, Tenn.

"If it wasn't for Thunder and Brez a lot of men would have been killed today," said First Lieutenant John D. Carey, Toledo, Ohio. "Brez and his dog are the best team I've seen."

The four-hour battle was over. The wounded were evacuated and the men ate their noon meal even though it was five o'clock in the evening.

Thunder got C-rations all around to supplement his normal "Prime" and water.



NUTS AND BOLTS, OR MINE? is the expression on Provost Marshal Major Saundra Weinstein's face as he watches two paratroopers of Company A, 326th Engineers carefully probe where a mine detector picked up a sharp reading. This time it was a rusty bolt.
(US Army Photo by PFC M.A. Willey)

Tiger Force FO Named Warrior Of The Week

DUC PHO — First Lieutenant Leon M. Wessel, Indianapolis, Ind., was named officer "Warrior of the Week," May 29-June 4, for his leadership during a recent action in Operation Malheur.

Lieutenant Wessel, an artillery forward observer, was accompanying "Tiger Force," 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry when the paratroopers encountered an estimated Viet Cong battalion in fortified positions on a hill.

The "Tigers" attacked the positions, killing 22 enemy, and secured the hill. While reorganizing, the force was hit by a VC counter attack, pushed down off the hill and into a tree line. As the "Tigers" took up defensive

positions they were raked by brutal heavy automatic weapons fire and mortars. As the troopers fought back, Lieutenant Wessel began calling in artillery fires. The VC continued to shell the Tiger position, wounding the platoon leader.

Lieutenant Wessel assumed command and called in a

"dust-off" for the wounded platoon leader, and implemented the first of three artillery batteries, two gunship sorties, and six strikes to hold back the Viet Cong.

Seven hours later, Lieutenant Wessel's besieged platoon was extracted. The Tigers suffered two men killed and 17 wounded.

THE SUPREME SACRIFICE



MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE—Three paratroopers were honored here recently during Memorial Day services for Headquarters Company, Brigade. The camouflaged fatigue cap represents a member of the Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon who was killed in action during Operation Malheur.
(US Army Photo by SP4 Daniel Stroebel)

79 Reds Killed

17th Cavalry NCO Starts Firefight By Throwing Grenade Into Bunker

DUC PHO — "I threw a grenade in a bunker and all hell broke loose."

As though the explosion was a signal, the camouflaged enemy opened fire from an elaborate system of tunnels and bunkers, igniting a battle which was to claim 79 enemy dead and 22 weapons captured.

Elements of the 17th Cavalry of the 101st Airborne were acting as a blocking force in support of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division seven miles south of Duc Pho. Suddenly they were directed to move into a village harboring snipers who were firing on the 25th.

As the paratroopers searched the village, Sergeant Donald M. Moore, Roslyn, N.Y., threw a grenade into a bunker. Then the enemy opened up. The paratroopers hit the dirt and returned the fire. Heavily outnumbered and outgunned, they pulled back. Gunships of the 176th Aviation Company were on the way.

One wounded man couldn't make it back. Specialist 4 Donald Perez, Huntington Park, Calif., ran through enemy fire to bring him to safety.

Two paratroopers were still in the village when the gunships struck.

"We were pinned down until the choppers made their run," said Sergeant Jerry N. Tanner, Summerville, Ga. "But when the gunships hit,

Charlie ducked low and we took off."

Staff Sergeant James L. Howard, Detroit, followed Tanner closely on the escape route but was wounded along the way.

Gunships and Air Force jets blasted the village with napalm and rockets.

On the other side of the village, the wounded men of the 25th were in trouble.

"They need help," shouted Platoon Sergeant Morris Cash, Fayetteville, N.C. The paratroopers stretched across 300 yards of open rice paddies, forming a human chain to bring the wounded Broncos to safety.

At the head of the chain was Specialist 4 Frank Costello, New York. He was the last Screaming Eagle to leave.

"We got them all out," said Costello. "I asked myself what I was doing out there after the last wounded man was sent out. Then I took off."

A grateful soldier from the 25th gave Costello his captured Viet Cong radio.

The paratroopers received fire from the village throughout the night. At dawn another air strike was called and later the Screaming Eagles searched the village. Seventy-nine enemy bodies and 22 weapons were found.

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Flags At Half-Staff Honor Our War Dead

PHAN RANG — The flags of the United States and Republic of Viet Nam were lowered to half-staff May 30 as Memorial Day services were conducted by Support Battalion in front of the brigade command post here.

Lieutenant Colonel Quinton P. Sunday, Eufaula, Okla., Support Battalion commander, read the Memorial Day message issued by Lieutenant General Bruce Palmer, deputy commander, USARV.

Chaplain (Captain) Clare H. Ledum, Mt. Vernon, Wash., Sub-Area Command chaplain, spoke of the spiritual significance of the observance.

Battalion colors and guidons were displayed for the ceremony.

'No Slack

Providing Base Camp Security No Easy Task

DUC PHO — Providing security for the base camp of the 101st Airborne is not an easy task.

Different platoons operate the perimeter at night hoping to prevent any probe the enemy might initiate. The job recently fell to Company

A of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry.

In one action, before the 3d Platoon had a chance to set up an ambush, the Viet Cong came wandering by. Sergeant William E. Walker, Jacksonville, Fla., was lying in the middle of the trail to protect Private First Class Floyd E. Mosley, also of Jacksonville, who was positioning a claymore mine.

"As soon as I heard Sergeant Walker fire I turned around and opened fire too,"

said Mosley.

The first Viet Cong was killed and the other VC fled, leaving behind 12 baskets of rice, estimated at 1,600 pounds.

Two nights later, Mosley was leading an ambush patrol when he came to a fork in the trail. He looked down the new trail and spotted a Viet Cong running toward him with a grenade. Mosley opened fire, as did Private First Class Paul M. Tarbox, Kenne, N.H. Later they

found the dead VC had the grenade's safety pin half out. On his body they also found a homemade bomb.

A security patrol of the 1st Platoon, led by First Lieutenant Alan L. Jonsen, Rochester, N.Y., also encountered the enemy near the base camp. The patrol was sweeping through a village,

because gunships reported enemy fire from that area. The search nearly over, Sergeant First Class Leroy Tutsey, Detroit, Mich., stepped from a field of sugar cane into into a clearing behind the village. He spotted a fleeing VC. A burst from his M-16 stopped the grenade-laden enemy.

Savings Bonds To Hoboken Veterans

HOBOKEN, N. J. — If you're from Hoboken, you'll be in the chips when you DEROS.

An organization known as Hoboken Viet Nam Veterans Appreciation Association is giving a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond to every Hoboken serviceman who has completed a tour of duty in Viet Nam.

The association says their only purpose is to express the appreciation of the people in Hoboken for their servicemen in Viet Nam.

To be eligible for the savings bond, the returning serviceman must have been, or must be a resident of Hoboken and served a tour of duty in RVN.

Screaming Eagles from Hoboken can make application now by writing Specialist 5 George W. Stienwehr, Hoboken Viet Nam Veterans Appreciation Association, P.O. Box 322, Hoboken, N. J., 07030.

176th CO No Stranger To Abn Way Of Life

DUC PHO — The commanding officer of the 176th Air Mobile Company (Light), providing air support for the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, is no stranger to

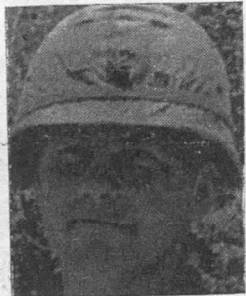
the airborne way of life.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry T. McDaniel, Atlanta, spent 10 years with airborne units before becoming an Army aviator.

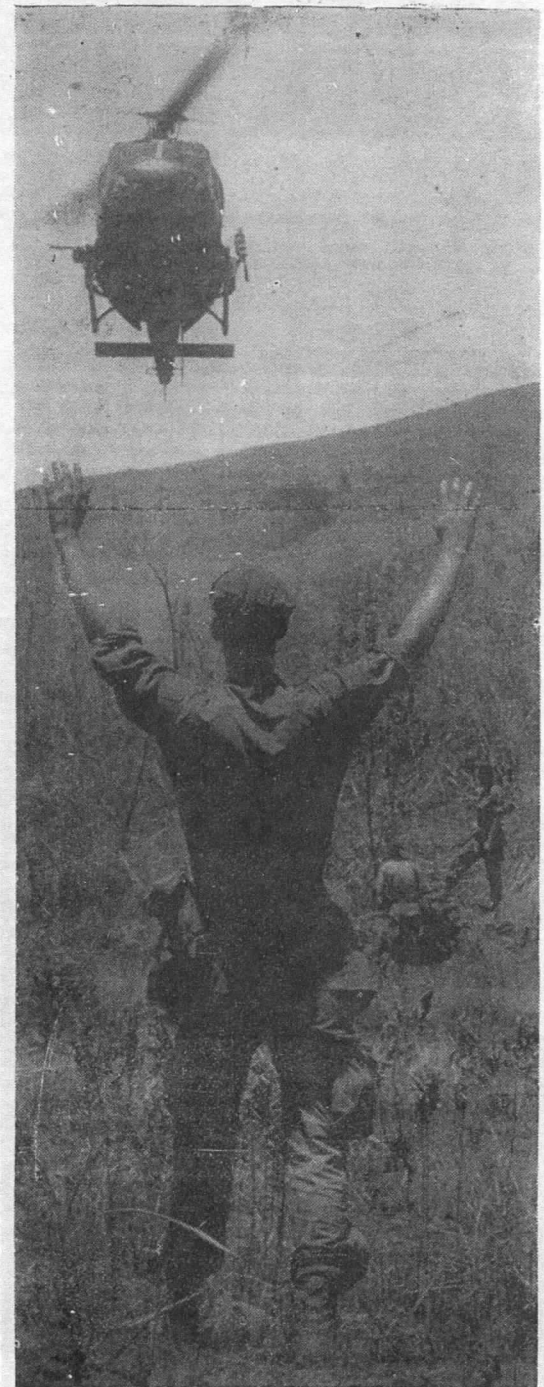
The master parachutist served with the 508th and 187th Infantry of the 82d Airborne Division and his last airborne assignment was commanding officer of Headquarters Company, Command and Control Battalion, 401st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

In 1958 Colonel McDaniel graduated as a dual-rated aviator (helicopter and fixed-wing) from the Army's flight school at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

His last duty was aviation adviser to the Nationalist Chinese Army in Taiwan.



LTC McDaniel



Police Work Runs In Identical Twins' Family

DUC PHO — Police work runs in the Weinstein family. Dad, back in Hartford, Conn., served on the police force for 33 years. Identical twins

Saunders and Kenneth are military policemen in Viet Nam.

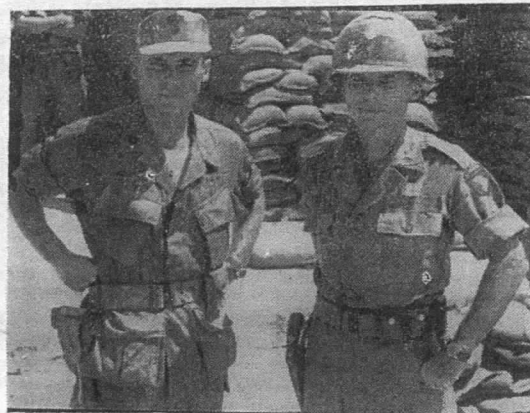
The two brothers, aged

35, work with different units. Saunders is the provost marshal of the 101st Airborne here and Kenneth is commander of the 720th MP Battalion at Long Binh.

But the parallel doesn't end there. Both were commissioned in 1953 and attended the Infantry and Airborne Schools at Ft. Benning, Ga. Subsequently each served as platoon leaders in the XVIII Airborne Corps at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

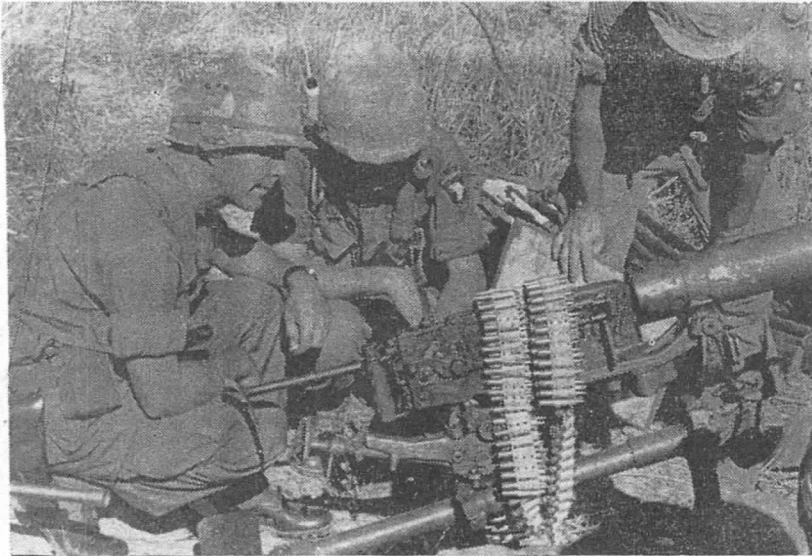
In Germany both served as operations officers, but with different battalions. Then each was sent to Ft. Meade, Md., to help form MP units destined for Viet Nam.

Major Weinstein came to the 101st in August. Newly promoted Lieutenant Colonel Weinstein went to the 720th.



Kenneth and Saunders

PARKING LOT ATTENDANT—Recondo PFC Michael Shepard, Philadelphia, guides in a command and control helicopter of the 101st Airborne near here during Operation Malheur. (US Army Photo by PFC M.A. Willey)



VC WEAPON— A Chinese Communist heavy machine gun, captured by paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division during Operation Malheur is examined by (left to right) Lieutenant Colonel Andrew S. Bolcar, Boonton, N.Y., Major Joseph V. Rafferty, Brooklyn, and Lieutenant Colonel Edmond P. Abood, Brooklyn. (US Army Photo by PFC M. A. Willey)

'No Slack'

Hawk FO Calls In Fire, Foils Viet Cong Attack

by Sp4 William P. Singley

DUC PHO— The courage of an outnumbered platoon of 101st paratroopers and the skill of an artillery forward observer turned the tide of battle in their favor near here recently during a moonlit clash with the enemy.

The reconnaissance platoon of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, known as the Hawks, had set an ambush along a network of rice paddy dikes. In the darkness, the paratroopers awaited the Viet Cong.

"It was about three o'clock in the morning," said Private First Class Albert A. Ursillo, Providence, R.I., an 11 month Hawk veteran. "I had just handed my watch to a buddy when they opened up."

More than 50 Viet Cong familiar with the area, had silently worked their way close to the Screaming Eagles. Suddenly the VC opened fire with heavy weapons and grenades, surprising the paratroopers.

A grenade landed in a forward position next to Ursillo. He, Specialist 4 Salvatore Puleto, Detroit, and Staff Sergeant Fredrich Copeland, Newark, N.J., were sharing a three-man position and could hear the enemy shouting on the other side of a nearby dike. They tossed all their grenades in that direction and moved to

join the rest of the Hawks.

Sergeant Copeland, enroute to the rallying point, stopped, under fire, to carry a wounded Hawk to safety.

The Viet Cong charged the regrouped Hawks from three sides, screaming and firing furiously in the darkness.

"It looked like human wave charges," said one of the Hawks.

One enemy soldier tried to dodge his way through the Hawk fire on a suicidal mission carrying a satchel of explosives. Private First Class Les Baschell, Chicago, dropped him, the charge exploding among the enemy.

With the Hawks outnumbered, it was time for Specialist 4 Stephen Newsome, Winston-Salem, N.C., a forward observer, to go to work. He was attached to the Hawks in case they needed artillery support that night.

Adjusting the rounds by sound, Newsome directed a complete saturation of the enemy positions and called for flares to highlight the still-charging VC.

"He was the man of the hour," said Ursillo. "He had rounds falling everywhere except on us."

First Lieutenant William S. Huff, Athens, Ga., of Battery B, 320th (Airborne), Artillery, complimented Newsome's efforts.

"He did a fine job," said Lieutenant Huff. "Not once did he give confusing directions, even though he had as many as five batteries firing at once."

The enemy retreated in the face of the artillery fire. Eleven bodies were found the next morning. A few Hawks were wounded, but none was killed.



MEDIVAC— Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne involved in Operation Malheur near here rush a wounded comrade to a hovering medivac helicopter. The wounded paratrooper had stepped on an anti-personnel mine only minutes before.

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

SCREAMING EAGLE HONOR ROLL

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Ballree, Emmett, SP4, Co. B, 1/327
Peterson, Michael E., PFC, Co. A, 1/327

Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Donnelly, James A., SP4, Co. B, 1/327
Dwyer, Earl A., PFC, Co. B, 1/327
Guxman, Henry, PFC, Co. C, 1/327
McCoy, James D., 1LT, Co B, 1/327
Mutchler, Bradford E., CPT, HHC, 1/327
Price, George W., SP4, Co. B, 1/327
Bias, Manfield, SFC, Co. B, 1/327
Evans, Jerry E., PFC, Btry B, 2 320 Arty
Jones, David C., PFC, Co. B, 1/327
Chambers, Benjamin, SP4, Co B, 1/327
Laizik, Peter R., CPT, Co. B, 1/327
Moore, Johnye L., CPT, HHC, 2/502
Forbes, Gary L., 1LT, Co. B, 1/327
Rosales, Thomas, SSG, HHC, 1/327

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Hatten, George E., PFC, HHC, 1/327
Ford, Russell T., PFC, Co. C, 1/327
Seefeldt, Charles L., PFC, Co. C, 2/502
Jarras, Stephen T., PFC, HHC, 1/327
Dixon, David A., SP4, HHC, Bde
Halford, Charles E., SP4, Co. A, 1/327
Meador, Billy J., SP5, Co. B, 1/327
Conzales, Benito R., PFC, Co. A, 1/327
Hatten, George E., PFC, HHC, 1/327
Peterson, Michael E., PFC, Co. A, 1/327
Owenby, Eugene O., PFC, Co. A, 326 Engr
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Vernon, John L., SSG, Btry C, 16th Arty
Wilder, Whson B., SSG, Btry C, 2/320th Arty
Baker, Eldon L., SGT, HHC, 1/327
Gadwa, Richard D., SGT, Trp A, 17 Cav
Greene, Joseph E., SGT, 501 Sig
Jamieson, Clarence, SGT, Co. A, 326 Engr
Petereon, Keith B., SGT, HHC, 320 Arty
Pruzinski, Michael A., SGT, Btry C, 16 Arty
Ramsier, Roger, Sgt, Co. A, 1/327
Valdez, Margarito, SGT, Co. B, 1/327
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Martinez, Esiquio R., SSG, HHC, 320 Arty
Friedrich, Robert L., CPT, HHC, Bde
Dorsey, John Jr., 1LT, HHC, 2/327
Uteley, Ray C., PSG, Co. B, 1/327

'Ground Pounders' Find Eagle Flight Exciting

DUC PHO (2/327-10) — Riding the "Eagle Flight" around the base camp's perimeter can be an exciting proposition as members of the 1st Platoon of Company A found out recently.

The troopers of the nightly sky patrol, flying in Huey helicopters of the 176th Aviation Company, quickly learned they must stay alert.

Staff Sergeant James L. Browning, Waynesville, N.C., Specialist 4 Elijah Pinkney, Philadelphia, Specialist 4 Mike Gore, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Private First Class Louis Prioleau, Russellville, N.C., and Private First Class Craig Steen, Hingham, Mass., all of the 3d Squad, were in the lead ship.

Suddenly the pilot saw two figures running below. Both fled as the chopper banked sharply to pursue them.

"The pilot banked so sharply I thought we were going

down the hard way," said PFC Prioleau. "I wasn't that scared when Charlie fired directly at me."

After a second sharp turn, the chopper landed. Members of the 3d Squad leaped out, secured the immediate area and hunted the enemy.

They met no contact and leaped aboard once again. The chopper continued its rounds and then landed back at the pad.

Later that evening, another helicopter was hit by semi-automatic fire and, on a subsequent pass, by machine gun fire. Gunships were summoned. Four Viet Cong were spotted entering an unoccupied hut nearby and the "Muskets" of the 176th attacked it with rockets, 40mm rounds and 7.62 machine gun fire.

Other "Eagle Flights" that night were unmolested.



NEWSPAPER BREAK — Private First Class James Shivers, Washington, D.C., a machine gunner with the "Recondos" of the 101st Airborne, takes a break during a lull in Operation Malheur near here to scan an issue of Stars & Stripes. (US Army Photo by PFC M.A. Willey)

H & I Firing Pays Off, Company Finds 4 Dead

DUC PHO — At night and sometimes all night the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 320th Artillery fires harassment and interdiction rounds (H&I), designed to catch the enemy by surprise. Trail junctions, stream beds and any location where the Viet Cong might gather for the night are chosen targets.

Most of the results of this firing remain unknown. But recently, the men of Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry of the 101st Airborne discovered how effective the firing

can be.

Part of the company, led by Captain Peter P.C.V. Pepper, Santa Barbara, Calif., was moving along a creek bed when they came to an area that had been hit by artillery the night before.

"The place was really blasted," said Staff Sergeant Ladell T. Williams, St. Louis, Mo. "We knew bodies were in the area. You could smell them long before we got there."

"Within a mile and a half we found four bodies," said First Lieutenant Mark T. Starstedt, Tarzana, Calif. "We're sure there were more, but we moved on. The artillery had done its job."

'Round-Up' Denies Food To Viet Cong

DUC PHO — If VC forces travel on their stomachs, the 101st Airborne is tightening "Charlie's" belt.

The paratroopers already have captured tons of rice, salt and other foodstuffs. Recently during Operation Malheur they turned to water buffalo and cattle rustling in VC territory.

Brigadier General S.H. Matheson, commander of the Screaming Eagles, first noticed the animals while on a command observation flight. The brigade civil affairs officer, Major Wayne J. Prokup, Mineral, Ill., took over from there.

Co-ordinating with Captain Ho Van Luyen, Duc Pho district chief, Major Prokup planned his "roundup." The "cowboys" were members of the Duc Pho Popular Forces platoon and Captain Peter R. Bankson, subsector advisor, served as "trail boss."

Escorted by two helicopter gunships, the platoon was airlifted into enemy territory. Quickly rounding up the 50 buffalo and cattle the platoon began its hilly, 6,000-yard, overland move.

Twice during the three-hour trip the platoon was fired on by snipers. Return fire from Major Prokup's control helicopter silenced the insurgents.

The water buffalo were given to farmers in the Duc Pho area and the cattle used for food by Vietnamese in the Duc Pho refugee camp here.

Bde Gives Slack To 'No Slack' Bn

DUC PHO (2/327 10) — Slack was introduced to the "No Slack" battalion here recently, causing some alarm that the unit's motto might have to be changed.

Private First Class Denton R. Slack, Fordsville, Ky., joined Company C of the 2/327 from the 13th Aviation Battalion at Soc Trang as an in-country replacement.

But he wasn't aware, when transferring, that his new battalion's motto was going to discriminate against him.



ALL CALIFORNIANS

Six paratroopers in the 3rd Platoon, Company A, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 502nd Infantry, hail from towns in California. Kneeling is SP4 Jack Nelson, Ojai, and left to right are PFC's Dale McGee, Los Angeles, Jack McCarthy, San Mateo, Gregory Knowles, Stockton, Pete Nebe, Long Beach, and Richard Stewart, Fresno.

(U.S. Army Photo by SSG Mike Mangiameli)

1/327th Inf

RTO Wounded During Charge Hangs Onto Live Grenade

DUC PHO — "Somebody help me," yelled the wounded paratrooper, "I've got a live grenade."

Private First Class James Weaver, Philadelphia, Company C, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, a radio-telephone operator, was leading a charge against a Viet Cong ambush.

"He was shouting for everyone to get moving," said Private First Class Eddie R. Curry, Detroit, "then when 'Charlie' started tossin' grenades—we hit the ground."

Weaver cocked his arm to throw a grenade into the VC position when a bullet tore into his left shoulder, knocking him down. He gripped

the live grenade tight as he called for help.

Private First Class James Alvis, heard his plea and ran to the downed paratrooper, grabbed the grenade from his clenched hand and hurled the explosive into the enemy position.

When the fire-fight ended, six VC were dead.

Curry and Alvis had sustained minor wounds. Weaver, by his own request, was the last man to be evacuated and joked with Curry and Alvis about their experience.

"He was awful mad because 'Charlie' shot up his radio and canteen," chuckled Curry.

'Recruit' Braves Fire To Save Buddies During VC Ambush

DUC PHO—A newly-arrived paratrooper to the 101st Airborne crawled four times into exploding no-man's-land to save three buddies and recover a machine gun during a VC ambush near here during Operation Malheur.

The Screaming Eagle, Private First Class Walter R. Mitchell, Granbury, Tex., and other members of Weapons Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry came to the rescue of the 3d platoon, pinned down by enemy fire. Reacting quickly they found themselves in the middle of the action.

"We had to get up there and help them," said PFC Mitchell, a machine gunner. He shouted to his sergeant that he was going up. His assistant gunner, Private First Class Robert Russo, Smyrna, Del., told Mitchell to keep his head down as Russo provided protective fire.

With Russo and others firing over him, Mitchell crawled to wounded members of the 3d Platoon. He brought one man back. Then another. Then a third. Each trip crawling forward and dragging a paratrooper back.

During his third trip, Mitchell noticed the machine gun and ammunition of the man he was pulling to safety.

"I knew the VC would get it if I didn't go back for it, so I did," said Mitchell. Again he crawled forward—scraping along the rough terrain on his stomach, enemy fire whizzing over his head.

Bringing the heavy gun back, Mitchell had to lift it over a log. As he did, something hit him in the back of the helmet.

"I thought someone kicked me," Mitchell said, "but I didn't have time to stop."

With the additional machine gun he and Russo opened up on the enemy.

After the battle in which eight VC were killed, the young paratrooper looked at his helmet. An enemy bullet ripped a gaping hole in the back of it.

It was Mitchell's first big action. He's keeping the helmet as a souvenir



BATTLE SNOOZE—Private First Class Dennis W. Sutherland, Norfolk Va., finds time for an energy-restoring nap during a five-minute break given to the "Recondos."

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PFC's Grenade Launcher Misfires, Plat Sgt 'Zaps' Charlie With .45

DUC PHO—What happens when you fire an M-79 grenade at a Viet Cong platoon leader and the projectile doesn't go off?

"You follow up with a .45," said Acting Platoon Sergeant Alexander Shelehov, North Hollywood, Calif., who recently had just that experience during Operation Malheur.

"He was close," said the Russian-born paratrooper of the 101st Airborne. "Not more than 10 yards away."

The men of the 1st Platoon of Company B, 1st Battalion

(Airborne), 327th Infantry were scouting a valley below an ambush site where they had routed the Viet Cong the day before.

"They thought we wouldn't come down after them," said Sergeant Shelehov.

The paratroopers stopped for water. The Viet Cong, unaware of the Screaming Eagles, had the same idea.

Private First Class David L. Fields, Los Angeles, a nine-month veteran of jungle fighting, had set up security on the far side of the stream when he saw the VC.

"They're coming," he

whispered to Private First Class Rene W. Nikas, Bridgeport, Conn. The enemy platoon leader and two of his men ambled toward the stream.

Nikas fired his grenade launcher at the VC, but the round didn't explode. Then Sergeant Shelehov's .45 barked.

Fields and Nikas continued the fire. One VC was wounded, but he and the third escaped.

Papers on the dead VC platoon leader indicated he had just been assigned to the area the previous day.

The latest military pay raise proposed by the Armed Forces Committee soon to be submitted to Congress. Averaging 5.6 per cent for each pay grade, the bill, if approved, is expected to be effective October 1.

Basic Military Pay Scale Proposed (Commissioned Officers)

Pay Grade	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26
O-7	1002.90	1071.60	1071.60	1071.60	1119.30	1119.30	1184.10	1184.10	1243.50	1367.70	1462.20	1462.20	1462.20	1462.20
O-6	743.10	816.90	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	900.00	1041.90	1095.30	1119.30	1184.10	1284.60
O-5	594.30	698.40	746.10	746.10	746.10	746.10	769.50	810.60	864.60	929.40	982.80	1012.20	1047.90	1047.90
O-4	501.60	610.20	651.30	651.30	663.00	692.70	739.80	781.20	816.90	852.60	876.30	876.30	876.30	876.30

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O-3	466.20	520.80	556.20	615.90	645.30	638.70	704.70	739.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80
O-2	373.50	443.70	532.80	550.00	532.20	532.20	562.20	532.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20
O-1	321.00	355.20	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70

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O-3			615.90	645.30	638.70	704.70	739.80	769.50	769.50	769.50	769.50	769.50	769.50	769.50
O-2			550.50	582.20	530.20	610.20	633.60	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30
O-1			443.70	473.70	491.40	593.10	529.80	559.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50

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W-1	315.00	361.20	361.20	390.90	408.60	426.30	443.70	462.00	479.70	497.40	514.80	532.80	532.80	532.80

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E-8						452.40	465.00	477.30	489.90	502.20	514.50	527.10	558.30
E-7	284.40	340.80	353.40	366.00	378.30	390.30	402.60	415.50	434.10	446.40	458.70	465.00	496.20
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E-3	128.70	179.70	192.30	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60
E-2	106.20	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80
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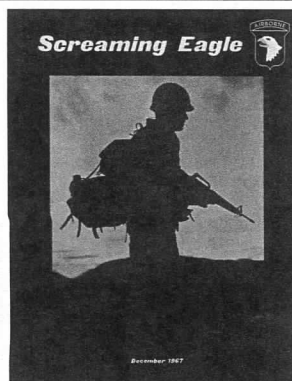
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This four (4) inch diameter round decal is manufactured so that it may be used both inside and outside. The patch is full color. Price is \$2.50 each postpaid. See order form on page 35.

Site of First Parachute Jump

+ CPT BARRY HANA, HQ-PIO 3/67-3/68, 231 McCullough Ave., #2D, St. Louis, MO 63122-5863, sent the photos below.



The first of two markers at the memorial shows the date and history of the first jump on a pedestal monument. It is designed for visitors to read and look at the Jefferson Barracks parade ground across the road, where the jump occurred, March 1, 1912. This marker is shown on page 28 of the January 2013 issue.



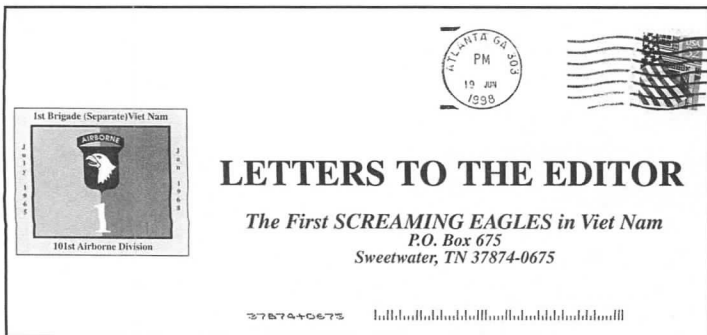
The second marker is a granite stone, showing the patches of the airborne unit sponsors who served on a joint committee to honor this historical achievement. General Miller also highlighted the spirit of the airborne brotherhood in his speech.



(Left to right), General Miller reads the jump history, next to Bruce Thompson of Odessa, MO, Barry Hana and Fred Foggie (HHC 502nd Battle Group 56-59), St. Louis. Fred is president of the Missouri Gateway Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association.



(Left to right), General Miller joined 101st brothers Barry Hana (HQ-PIO 3/67-3/68) and Randy Whitehead at the dedication. All three men are members of the Missouri Gateway Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association. Barry and Randy, St. Louis, served as leaders on the Joint "First Jump" Committee.



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Ivan, Renewal check is in the mail. Again just for one year. Can't say that I can predict much further ahead than that.

And, thanks for keeping the memories alive. Nice seeing the Signal Platoon guys' photo. We worked a lot of far-out mountain top relay sites.

And thanks for the good coverage of Snowbird.

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In your April 2013 issue on page 31, you have a map of Viet Nam showing areas of operations. Why was Phu Bi just south of Hue omitted? This was my last duty station with the 326th Engineers before returning State side.

Editor's Note: I believe your operation [you did not give an operation name] was not included because it was not a First Brigade (S) operation. This book is about First Brigade (S) LRRPs and they were disbanded in early 1968.

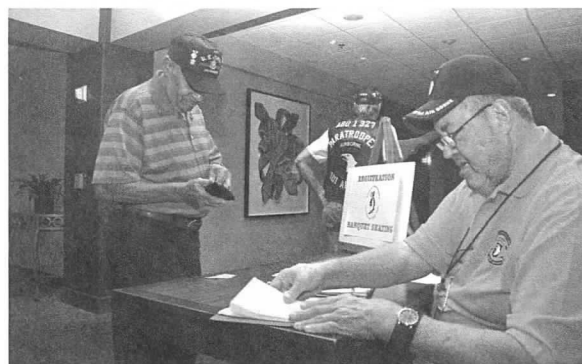
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Ivan; Another good publication with lots of interesting facts. I was disappointed to see some buddies who have vacated their foxholes for the last jump. Just goes to show we are all getting older and the foxholes are getting further apart. Amen and may they rest in peace.



If no one else has told you, let me point out you goofed and ID'd a pic of Les Colegrove, (2/327 A & HHC 3/68-3/69) as Ron Gillette on page 28 (April 2013 issue). Les is also on page 29 with Eddie Pissott and correctly ID'd there.

Larry A327NoSlack



Ron Gillette, 2/502 B 1/67-5/67, who is chairman of the reunion committee, is shown here making table reservations for the reunion banquet.

Editor's Note: Incorrect caption above used in the April 2013 magazine. This photo is of Les Colegrove, (2/327 A & HHC 3/68-3/69) a reunion volunteer, shown here making table reservations for the reunion banquet.

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+ **CARL E. MIDKIFF**, HHC AIR SECT 12/66-12/67, 1029 David Court, Radcliff, KY 40160-1809, (270) 351-1950 wrote: Enclosed is a check for a two-year subscription. Hope to see you in Nashville in 2015. Keep up the good work.

+ **ALBERT P. KLERLEIN, III**, 1/327 B 12/65-11/66, 75 Meadows Rd., Chesapeake City, MD 21915, (410) 885-9911 wrote: Attached is a subscription I am sending for a fellow veteran, Larry Meeks. I met Larry at the VA in Maryland.

I would like to also find out the whereabouts of another fellow paratrooper.

Last name – Berger believed to live in Las Vegas, NV or Jersey City, NJ. In B Co 1/327/101st 2nd Platoon Dec 65 to Nov 66.

Thank you and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Editor's Note: Can anyone help locate Berger?

+ **PATRICK A. KNAUB**, 2/327 A & B 4/67-11/67, 550 Lioners Creek Rd., Dallastown, PA 17313-9502 wrote: Please find enclosed check for my renewal (plus a little extra for whatever). Also please change my unit to "B" or "A" Co. 2/327 (instead of Hqs 2/320th Arty) because as a 13 E4 P Recon Sgt, I was always with the Infantry mostly "B" Company. I am looking forward to

my 1st reunion in 2015. Stay alert, stay alive.

Patrick A. Knaub (F.O.)
(MSG Ret.)

+ **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 when renewing his subscription sent the following. Another year on order! I am very busy involved with the North Carolina Purple Heart Foundation, Inc., a "501 C(3)" organization with a mission of planning and setting up Purple Heart Appreciation Dinners in the state. The state of NC is a P.H. STATE too!

So far, we have held four in Wake Forest, our fifth will be held August 10, 2013, and we have set up the Goldsboro – Wayne P. H. Foundation after their first dinner last year (this year's will be on 6 August) and we will have a third site operational in Winston-Salem on 3 August 2013. There G. Mike Mabe (2/17 CAV A 1/66-12/66) is on our planning committee. We will eventually "cover the state" but since it is all done by volunteers, we move a bit more slowly than we used to move. Keep up your fine work!!

+ **DONALD J. WILLIAMS**, 1/327 A 5/66-5/67, 26706 Rocky Point Rd., Klamath Falls, OR 97601-8531, (541) 356-2371 is hoping for help in locating and getting in contact with Lt. Kenneth Collins. "I believe he was 1st Platoon Leader A 1/327. He had his left eye blown out by a grenade and the other eye was disabled from other material. I had dug out a prone shelter for him and dug a foxhole for me in front of him. Me and some other guys went out on a patrol to check out the area before dark. He told me that, 'I want you to be my Seeing Eye Dog.' So that night up near Dak To he held on to my web gear and we and the rest of the company moved out under the cover of darkness and got to the 17th CAV unit and everyone that needed to, got medevaced out. Please help me if you can. Thank you for your time."

Airborne forever!

Editor's Note: Can anyone help locate Lt. Kenneth Collins?

+ **WILLIAM F. (BILLY) WELDON**, 2/327 INF A 6/67-6/68, 806 Grand Canyon Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001-5415, (928) 554-6180 along with subscription renewal wrote: Your magazine is the word of all who served in Viet Nam. Thank you for your great articles on how the "Screaming Eagles" served with pride and honor. I miss 1SG Ed Dube and Richard Luttrell (both A Co 2/327th INF). We need to hug our fellow 101st veterans every time we meet. Life is so short.

P.S. Little extra for coffee.

Editor's Note: Dube passed away 1/8/12 and Luttrell on 11/6/10.

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CW4(R)Demery M. Austin
2/327 HHC 9/66-8/67

March 14, 1933 - February 24, 2013

Demery Mack Austin, 79, of Buies Creek died February 24, 2013, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill following a period of declining health. He was born in Smith Co., Mississippi, son of the late Daniel McKeice Austin and Lilla Rhodes Austin. Brothers Elbert Ray Austin and Hulon Cade Austin also preceded him in death.

Demery served 27 years in the US Army, retiring in 1980 as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. He then spent a total of ten years working as a Properties Manager in Saudi Arabia on a contract between the US Government and the Saudi Arabian National Guard.

Demery was an active member of Buies Creek First Baptist Church. He was a past Chairman of the Board of Deacons as well as the Properties Committee and Cemetery Committee among others. He was also a past President of the Harnett County Shrine Club and the Buies Creek Lions Club, as well as a member of the Military Officers Association and the Warrant Officers Association.

A celebration of Demery's life was held on February 27, 2013, at Buies Creek First Baptist Church with Dr. Michael Simmons officiating. Burial followed in Lakeside Memorial Gardens with full military honors.

Demery is survived by his wife, Frances Gregory Austin; his son Ronnie Austin and wife Jodi of Ormond Beach, FL; his daughter Diane Austin of Fayetteville; his stepdaughters, Sherrie VanderVeen of Clarkston, MI and Kim Howard of Buies Creek; his grandchildren Aaron Austin, Kansas Austin, Katie VanderVeen, Davis VanderVeen, Kelsey Howard and Granddog Beaches. He is also survived by Katie and Davis' father Dr. Scott VanderVeen.

Charles W. Osentoski
2/502 HHC 12/66-12/67

A call was received that Charles W. Osentoski had passed away. No other information was given. You may send condolences to his wife, Sharon at 114 Windsor Rd., Crossville, TN 38558-4510.



Jesse H. Ruder Jr.
2/502 HHC 5/65 - 6/66
July 25, 1932 – June 12, 2010

Received notice that Jesse H. Ruder Jr., was deceased. No other information was given.

Melvin H. Smith
2/327 A
January 11, 2013

Melvin H. Smith, MSG (Ret), age 70 of Clarksville, Tennessee, passed away January 11, 2013, at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital. A Celebration of Life Service was held on January 14, 2013, with burial in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with full military honors.

Melvin was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He retired from the U.S. Army following a prestigious 23-year military career. Among other accomplishments, Melvin served two tours in Vietnam, participated and completed Airborne, Recondo and Ranger Schools and was a highly respected Jumpmaster and Air Assault School Instructor. Following retirement, Melvin was a driver for Florim USA.

He is survived by his wife, April Lacy Dawson-Smith, Clarksville; sons Shane Smith (Melissa) of Denver, North Carolina; Ron Dawson and wife B.J. and Rodd Dawson, all of Clarksville; grandchildren, Macy and Max Dawson, Clarksville and Nathan, Andrew and Kiersten Smith, North Carolina and his brother, Phillip Smith of Kendallville, Indiana.

Above obituary taken from THE SCREAMING EAGLE magazine Spring 2013 issue.

*The banner shown in this captured Viet Cong picture reads **The Second General Meeting South Vietnamese People Liberation Front**. The picture was captured by men of the 2/502 at Lai Khe. Translation by Ben Lam, 2/502 HQ 65-71 who served the 2/502 as a Vietnamese Army interpreter later became a Vietnamese Army Officer and after the North Vietnamese Army captured the South served five years as a POW in reeducation camps before escaping. Read his story in **WHERE THE ORANGE BLOOMS** by COL (R) Thomas H. Taylor, 2/502 B 7/65-7/66.*





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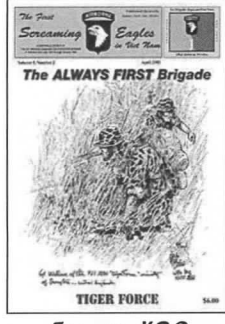
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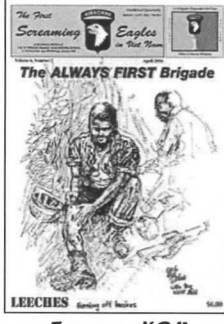
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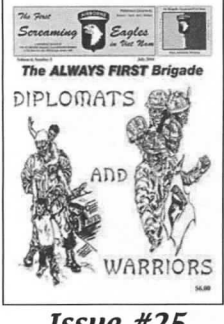
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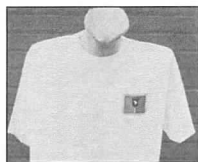
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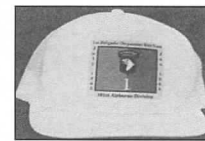
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