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MAJ (R) Ivan Worrell, INFO OFF 5/66-5/67, who served as Company Commander of C 1/327 in 1956 – 57 with LTC (R) Allen C. De Graw, 1/327 C 7/64-7/66 ELT, who commanded the Cold Steel Cobra Company before, when and after the Brigade deployed to Viet Nam.

The January 2014 issue of “The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam” is being published and mailed late this year. This is the first time that holiday schedules, family matters, weather and other unexpected events have delayed the magazine. After all it is the January issue and I expect you will have it delivered in January.

I regret that t-shirts and golf shirts are no longer available. Demand was insufficient to continue to offer them. Please see order form on page 35 for the changes.

Planning for the 50th Anniversary of the brigade landing in Viet Nam is on track. Please see page one and page 32 for information now available about the 50 year commemoration, celebration, recognition and reunion for all First Brigade (Separate), 101st Airborne Division veterans.

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).

Thanks to all who contribute material to be used in the magazine! If you see stories and/or pictures you know you can add additional information to in order to tell “The Rest of the Story,” please send it.

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The cover drawing by Raymond Brown was first published in the **VIETNAM ODYSSEY, The First Year.** See page 16.

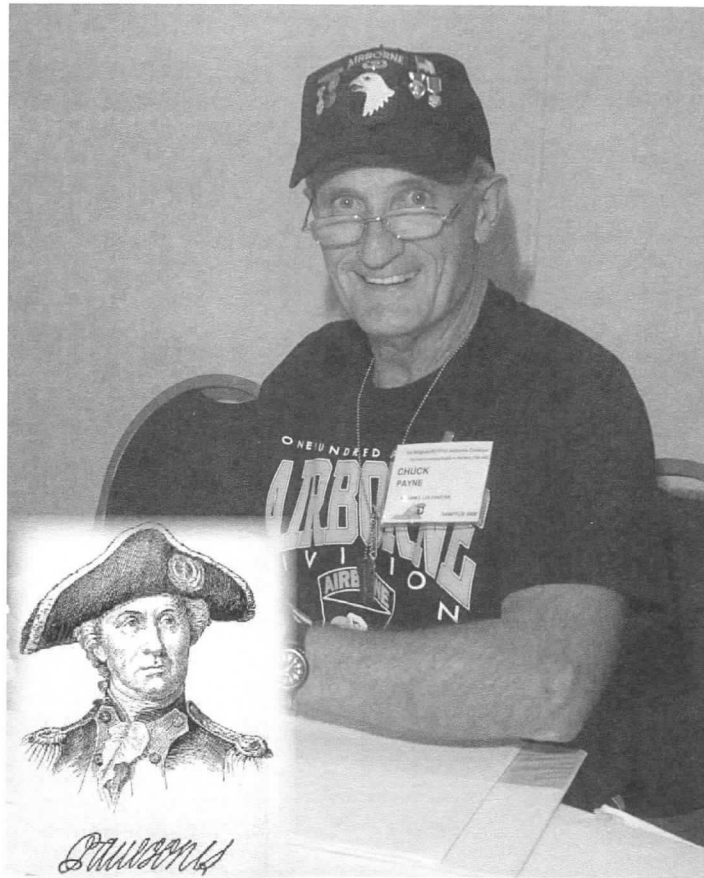
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50th Anniversary Of The First Brigade (S) Landing In Viet Nam

The celebration of the arrival of the First Brigade (S) in Viet Nam continues to be in the planning stages. What is known now is that: The celebration will be in Nashville, Tennessee. The date will be July 29, 2015. The day of celebration will be in conjunction with the annual reunion of the 101st Airborne Division Association. The agenda for July 29th is being developed. Written material regarding registration, hotel registration will be mailed to all who are on The First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam mailing list. The day of the 29th of July 2015 will include appropriate programs, speakers and meals to recognize all those who served in the First Brigade (S) in Viet Nam.

Why Reunions?

“I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity. I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another. As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades... Such good men.” --Author Unknown--



Oct 30 at 9:19 PM + CHARLES E. PAYNE, 2/327 HHC 1/66-9/66, wrote: Ivan, For me, the high-light of the October, 2013, issue of the “Always First Brigade” magazine is the After Action Report of Operation SEWARD, which was a continuation of Operation JOHN PAUL JONES. You and I are both intimately familiar with that operation. Though I was WIA on 1 Sep 66, the details of SEWARD were so reminiscent of JOHN PAUL JONES that it felt very familiar to me.

It was also close to home, because it reported the enemy action that overran the Company CP of B, 2/327, resulting in the loss of good men who were my friends. By God’s grace, survivors such as Lou McDonald are available to tell about that tragedy.

All of this prompts me to ask, has the “Always First Brigade” magazine printed the After Action Report of Operation JOHN PAUL JONES? If so, please let me know which issue. If not, can you provide me a copy of that report?

Thanks again for your tireless and faithful service to all of us who were there. It is hard to measure the importance and the healing effects of reading the “Always First Brigade” magazine.

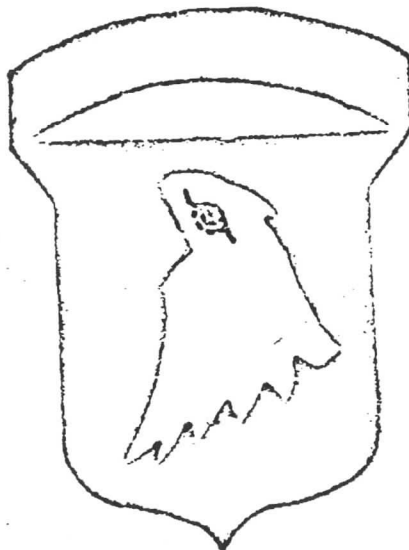
God Bless you, and best regards, Chuck Payne, HQ 2/327

Editor’s Note: Glad to publish JOHN PAUL JONES. The enclosures shown on page 8 will be published in subsequent issues.

**COMBAT OPERATIONS
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

**OPERATION
JOHN PAUL JONES**

**1st BRIGADE
101st
AIRBORNE DIVISION**



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28 September 1966

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation JOHN PAUL JONES
(RCS: MACV J3-32) (U)

THRU: Commanding General
I Field Force Vietnam
APO 96240

TO: Commanding General
US Military Assistance Command Vietnam
ATTN: J343
APO 96243

1. (U) Name of Operation: Operation JOHN PAUL JONES.
2. (U) Dates of Operation: 21 July through 050500H September 1966.
3. (U) Location: PHU YEN Province.
4. (U) Command Headquarters: 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.
5. (U) Reporting Officer: Brigadier General Willard Pearson, Commanding General, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division.
6. (C) Task Organization:

The task organization of the Brigade at the initiation of Operation JOHN PAUL JONES was as shown below. The only significant changes to this organization during the operation were as follows: The 2/8 Cav and the 1/22 Inf came under the OPCON of the Brigade on 16 August and 28 August, respectively; and during the period 16 through 30 August TF Bravo was composed of Co C 2/502 Inf and A 2/17 Cav.

<u>1/327 Inf</u>	<u>Bde Troops</u>
1 Plat A 326 Engr	Bde HHC (-)
<u>2/327 Inf</u>	A 2/17 Cav
<u>2/502 Inf</u>	A 326 Engr (-)
1 Plat A 326 Engr	LRRP
<u>TF 2/320 Arty</u>	3 RRU
B 1/30 Arty	MP Plat (-)
<u>5/27 Arty</u>	181 MI Det
<u>Spt Bn (-)</u>	20 Cml Det
	Tactical Air Control Party
	101st Avn Sec

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7. (C) Supporting Forces:

- a. 2/320 Arty: Employed in a direct support role.
- b. B 1/30 Arty (OPCON): Provided general support (reinforcing) fires during the operation.
- c. 5/27 Arty (-): Provided general supporting fires during the operation.
- d. 10th Army Avn Bn: Provided two light airmobile companies in general support and two flyable CH-47 helicopters.
- e. 183d Avn Co: Provided a total of four O-1 aircraft for direct support.
- f. 5th Air Commando Squadron: Provided airlift support for Psy War Ops.
- g. 245th Psy Ops Co: Provided one loudspeaker leaflet dissemination team in direct support.
- h. 7th USAF: Flew 147 Tactical Air missions totalling 370 sorties; of these missions 52 were preplanned and 95 were immediate. The immediate strikes were requested through the Air Force Direct Air Request Net and the average response time from the initiation of the requests until time-over-target was 24 minutes. The results of these missions included 33 KBA (BC), 48 KBA (EST), 132 structures destroyed, and 78 structures damaged.
- i. Strategic Air Command, USAF: Flew three B-52 missions totalling 42 sorties in support of the operation. These missions resulted in 27 KBA (EST), 2 secondary explosions, and 7 structures destroyed.
- j. 45th Engr Gp: Provided general support along Highway 1.

8. (U) Intelligence: See Inclosure 1, Intelligence.

9. (C) Missions: Headquarters I Field Force, Vietnam directed the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division to seize and hold vital terrain and installations in VUNG RO Pass and Highway 1 between VUNG RO Bay and the 2d Korean Marine Brigade AO, to provide protection for engineer work parties in the bay area along the line of communications, to relieve the 2d Korean Marine Brigade in the area south of TUY HOA, and to be prepared to exploit B-52 strikes. Later in the operation the mission was expanded to include conducting search and destroy operations between KY LO Valley and VUNG RO Bay and protecting civilians during the initial stages of the rice harvest at TUY AN.

10. (C) Concept of Operation: Operation JOHN PAUL JONES was conducted in three phases. See Inclosure 2, Operation Schematics.

a. Phase I (21 July - 30 July): This phase consisted of air-mobile and ground assaults by two battalions in the VUNG RO Bay/VUNG RO Pass area to seize vital terrain and installations, the conduct of saturation patrolling and the establishment of security for engineer work parties in the area.

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b. Phase II (30 July - 15 August): This phase consisted of a one battalion exploitation of two B-52 strikes west of SONG CAU and a two battalion exploitation of four B-52 strikes west of DONG TRE. Following search and destroy operations in the area, the battalions were extracted leaving two reconnaissance platoons as stay behind forces. Also during this phase, one battalion continued providing security and conducting search and destroy operations in the VUNG RO Bay/VUNG RO Pass area.

c. Phase III (15 August - 9 September): This phase consisted of relieving the 2d ROK Marine Bde in the area south of TUY HOA with two battalions, continuing the mission in the VUNG RO Bay/VUNG RO Pass area, conducting search and destroy operations northwest of TUY HOA, and providing protection to the civilians in the initial stages of the rice harvest.

11. (C) Executions:

a. The Brigade began deployment from the DAK TO area by C-130 aircraft on 15 July and closed into TUY HOA on 21 July. A total of 181 sorties were utilized.

b. Phase I: On 21 July this phase commenced when one company conducted a night helicopter infiltration into two landing zones north of VUNG RO Bay. The company then moved overland to secure vital terrain objectives, the north end of a railroad tunnel and two proposed landing zones. At 0730 hours 23 June, the 2/502 Inf (-) made airmobile assaults on the two secured landing zones. Simultaneously, the 1/327 Inf conducted a ground assault seizing objectives in the northern portion of the area of operation, after making a ground approach march through the 2d ROK Marine Bde. All Brigade objectives were secured when the two battalions linked up on Highway 1 at 1335 hours. During the period 23 through 30 July, the two battalions conducted search and destroy operations without significant enemy contact. On 30 July, the 2/327 Inf, which had been I FFORCEV reserve, relieved the two battalions in the VUNG RO Pass area and assumed the mission of securing the LOC.

c. Phase II: At the beginning of this phase, the 1st Brigade, 101st Abn Div was alerted to be prepared to enter Operation EMERSON under the OPCON of the 1st Cav Div; however, Operation EMERSON was cancelled. At dawn on 2 August, two B-52 strikes, which were previously planned for Operation EMERSON were executed west of SONG CAU. The 2/502 Inf conducted airmobile assaults directly into the strike area within twenty minutes following the completion of the B-52 strikes. The 2/502 Inf conducted search and destroy operations in the area with no significant enemy contact. On 3 August the 1st Brigade was designated I FFORCEV reserve, resulting in the 2/502 Inf being extracted from the area of operation and returning to TUY HOA South. Brigade units conducted extensive training and refitting in preparation for future combat operations until 8 August when the 1/327 Inf conducted an airmobile assault west of DONG TRE to exploit four B-52 strikes which took place between 1200 and 1255 hours. Again, within twenty minutes following the strikes, an airmobile assault was conducted directly into the northern portion of the strike area. The 1/327 Inf swept south with only light contact made with the enemy but there were indications that the enemy was moving west. In an attempt to block the enemy's western movement, on 9 August the 2/502 Inf conducted an airmobile assault to the west of the strike area and swept eastward and linked up with the 1/327 Inf. Both battalions continued search and destroy operations in the area until

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their extraction on 14 and 15 August. The reconnaissance platoons of each of the battalions remained in the area as stay behind forces to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance missions.

d. Phase III: On 16 August the 2/8 Cav came under the OPCON of the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div and moved to DONG TRE. Between 16 and 18 August, the 1/327 Inf and the 2/502 Inf relieved the 2d ROK Marine Bde in place. On 17 August the 2/8 Cav conducted an airmobile assault and swept southeast toward DONG TRE. The mission of the 2/327 Inf in the VUNG RO Bay/VUNG RO Pass area was assumed by TF Bravo, which was composed of C 2/502 Inf and A 2/17 Cav. One company of the 2/327 Inf moved to DONG TRE as the Brigade immediate action force. On 18 August the 2/327 Inf (-) infiltrated by air to DONG TRE and began an overland covert movement to the east and southeast to sweep through the area toward TUY AN where it would perform the mission of protecting the rice harvest in that district. On 21 August, the third company of 2/327 Inf moved to DONG TRE. Having received no significant contacts in its AO on 22 August, the 2/8 Cav conducted an airmobile assault west of DONG TRE to exploit intelligence information received by the stay behind forces of the 1/327 Inf and 2/502 Inf. The assault was preceded by a three minute saturation CBU air strike in the vicinity of the objective area and napalm and strafing at H-Hour. No LZ preps were utilized. One company of the 2/8 Cav and the reconnaissance elements set up blocking positions while the 2/8 Cav (-) attacked northwest. There was little enemy contact during the operation, however, four VC/NVA were KBA (BC) and a cache of 400 hand grenades was located. On 24 August, C 1/327 Inf was deployed to NINH HOA as an I FFORCEV immediate action force to assist in the defense of the base area and associated units of the 9th Inf Div (ROK A). On 3 September, a second company with a Tac CP element from the 1/327 Inf and an artillery battery (-) were moved by air to NINH HOA to reinforce due to increased enemy contact. The 2/327 Inf continued to sweep from DONG TRE toward TUY AN until 26 August when intelligence sources indicated an enemy concentration in an area between TUY AN and TUY HOA. The 2/8 Cav, 2/327 Inf, 1/47 Inf Regt (ARVN) and MIKE forces encircled the suspected enemy location by airmobile assaults and overland movement and closed on converging axes. This converging attack produced sporadic small unit enemy contact. On 27 August the 1/22 Inf came under the OPCON of the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div and on 30 August relieved TF Bravo of securing the VUNG RO Bay/VUNG RO Pass area. On 30 and 31 August the 2/502 Inf (-) conducted airmobile assaults to join the converging attack from the southwest to cut off enemy routes of egress. Operation JOHN PAUL JONES ended on 5 September when the Brigade began Operation SEWARD to protect the TUY HOA Valley rice harvest.

12. (C) Results:

- a. The 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div accomplished its mission of securing the VUNG RO Bay/VUNG RO Pass area and the LOC from VUNG RO Bay to TUY HOA, and conducting search and destroy operations in the TUY HOA and DONG TRE areas.
- b. The following losses were inflicted on the enemy during the operation: 140 VC/NVA KIA (BC), 34 VC/NVA KIA (EST), 69 VC/NVA KBA (BC), 101 VC/NVA KBA (EST), 11 NVAC, 29 VCC, 384 VCS, and 2 ralliers. In addition, 56 individual and crew served weapons, ammunition and other equipment were captured.
- c. Friendly losses during the operation were as follows: 23 KIA, 132 WIA.

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13. (U) Administrative Matters:

a. Personnel and Administration: See Inclosure 3, Personnel and Administration.

b. Logistics: See Inclosure 4, Logistics.

14. (C) Special Equipment and Techniques:

a. During the operation, several "lightning bug" missions were conducted. Lightning bug operations are conducted during the hours of darkness utilizing an observer helicopter and gunships. The observer aircraft, utilizing starlight devices, scans an area of suspected VC/NVA activity. Upon sighting a target, the lighting system is directed at the target and the gunships attack the enemy position. It was found that utilizing starlight scopes on each side of the aircraft to scan an area of operation prior to employing the search light enhanced surprise and enabled the lightning bug crews to observe more ground activity. All missions were coordinated with the ground commander in the area of operation in which the mission was flown; personnel from the infantry unit operated the starlight scopes.

b. In order to effectively employ CS agents or flamethrowers, teams were made available at Brigade level to be employed on an "on-call" basis. A helicopter rigged for CS employment and charged flamethrowers were maintained on a thirty minute standby.

15. (C) Commander's Analysis (Lessons Learned):

a. In the exploitation of B-52 missions, elements of the Brigade conducted airmobile assaults directly into the strike areas within twenty minutes following the bombing. This method of exploiting strikes was effective and reduced the time required to get combat troops into the objective area. By conducting assaults in this manner, the dazed enemy is given little time to reorganize or evacuate the area.

b. The employment of "stay behind" forces was used to capitalize on the enemy's tendency to return to the base areas after US forces have departed. Following the exploitation of B-52 strikes, the battalions were extracted from the area leaving two reconnaissance platoons, with seven days rations, as "stay behind" forces. After three days the platoons reported infiltration of small groups of enemy back into the area. The area was assaulted again by US forces, utilizing the "stay behind" forces to secure LZ's and block routes of exfiltration from the area.

c. Since our basic problem is one of target acquisition we restricted routine use of fires primarily to induce the enemy to remain in our area of operations and secondarily to cut down on questionable ammunition expenditure and the resultant logistical support. It appears to be poor strategy to routinely use H&I fires at night as a defensive technique when the Brigade has superiority in force, reserves, mobility and ammunition. H&I fires should be used to interdict enemy egress routes, known assembly areas and when the enemy forces outnumber ours and are prepared to attack.

d. When too many troops become involved in the evacuation their WIA and KIA, tactical momentum can be lost. Casualties have been incurred as a result of soldiers attempting to aid their companions, only to become casualties themselves. The appropriate action is to continue attacking the enemy, driving him off, and clearing the field for casualty evacuation. Troops only slightly wounded should be required to continue

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to perform their duties until the action is concluded and their services can be spared. The walking wounded should be used when possible to assist the seriously wounded until aidmen are available.

e. Frequently, when reconnaissance elements make contact, enemy forces exfiltrate from the area as the airmobile immediate action force is being lifted into the area. When possible, a ground immediate action force should infiltrate into an area on foot at the same time the reconnaissance elements are injected into the area. This permits a ground force to be present to immediately exploit enemy contacts.

f. Booby traps have inflicted multiple casualties in cases where troops were "bunched up". The soldier must become an expert in detecting booby traps, and must be impressed with the fact that proper interval must be maintained in combat formations.

g. Clandestine entry into the battle area can be accomplished by moving elements during the hours of darkness. Units up to company size can effectively remain undetected until they have reached their destination or objective area.

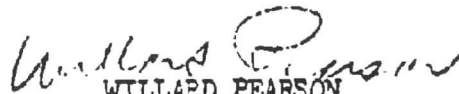
16. (C) Recommendations:

a. That a minimum of four flyable CH-47 helicopters be provided to the Brigade when supporting artillery is to be moved by an air LOC and forward logistical supply points established where no land LOC is available.

b. That all medevac helicopters be provided a reliable winch or hoist capability for extracting wounded personnel from densely wooded or mountainous areas where landing zones are not available.

c. That LZ preparation not be habitually used, as it is an indication to the enemy that we are going to make a heliborne assault in the area and gives him an opportunity to prepare to assault US troops landing in the area or flee the location.

d. That the use of ARVN, CIDG and other indigenous para military forces (RF and PF units) in cooperation and coordination with US forces continue to be maximized to conserve or augment the forces available to a US unit commander, as well as to improve training, aggressiveness and confidence of the Vietnamese units.


WILLARD PEARSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

Inclosures:

- 1 - Intelligence
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Material to be published
in the
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**The First
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Hones Return To Viet Nam

+ **Francis "Butch" Hones**, 2/327 A ELT 7/65-6/66, 2611 8th Ave. NE, Naples, FL 34120-5016, (954) 562-2029 sent the following: Ivan, went back to Vietnam in October on a tour (Three Kingdom's of Indochina). First three days in Saigon, then a typhoon hit up in the Hue, Da Nang and Hoi An area. So I missed the best part of VN. We then flew to Hanoi on my birthday, Oct 19th. I celebrated my 19th BD in 1965 in VN. Here is a paper and some pictures I took days later at the War Remnants Museum in Hanoi.

PS. Laos and Cambodia was great.

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People's Air Force marks fifth decade

HÀ NỘI — The Việt Nam People's Air Force has been honoured with a Golden Star Order ahead of its 50th anniversary on October 22.

A ceremony to commemorate the landmark and present the award was organised in the capital city yesterday, with State President Trương Tấn Sang and other Party, Government and high ranking army officials in attendance.

In his speech, Sang highly appreciated the great contributions made by officials, soldiers, technicians and personnel working in the air force over the past 50 years.

"Defending and building the homeland are the twin strategic tasks of our country," Sang said.

"In the complicated global and regional present context, the mission of defending national independence, sovereignty, unification, territorial integrity and protecting the socialist homeland are the responsibility of the entire party, people and the armed forces, including the air force,"

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State President Trương Tấn Sang hands over the Golden Star Order to the Việt Nam People's Air Force yesterday on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. — VNA/VNS Photo Nguyễn Khang



People's Air...

FROM PAGE 1

He asked the Việt Nam People's Air Force to focus efforts on developing into an elite force, remaining loyal to the Party, the Fatherland and the people.

"To accomplish these tasks, you should pay attention to political training," Sang added.

The president called on Air Force officials and soldiers to master advanced science and technology, while staying ready to foil any dark schemes from enemies.

He also asked them to actively participate in economic activities.

"The economy must go hand in hand with national defence and vice versa, to improve the material and spiritual conditions of the soldiers and be worthy of the name "Uncle Hồ's soldiers." Sang said.

On the occasion, State President Trương Tấn Sang expressed appreciation for the great and invaluable support of international friends for Việt Nam and its Air Force.

"International support has been a very important factor for the Việt Nam People's Armed Forces in recording notable successes over the past 50 years," Sang said.

He recalled how, during the American war for national salvation, the Air Force had played a very important role in foiling the US air and navy attacks on northern Việt Nam. They shot down thousands of US aircraft, particularly during the 12 days battling the US air blitz in late December 1972.

Together with the armed forces and people of Hà Nội and other provinces, the Việt Nam People's Armed Forces shot down 81 US aircraft, of which 34 were B-52 bombers, forcing Washington to sign the Paris Agreement to end the war and restore peace to Việt Nam.

In addition, the Việt Nam Air Force also recorded resounding victories on the southern battle front, particularly during the Hồ Chí Minh Historical Campaign in 1975 while also carrying out its international duties.

In the 50 years of development, the Việt Nam People's Air Force has received many prestigious awards from the Party and Government, including the titles "Hero of the People's Armed Forces" and the "Labour Hero" during the country's renewal process. — VNS



SƯ ĐOÀN KHÔNG VẬN SỐ 101: nguyên là Sư đoàn Bộ binh thành lập trong Chiến tranh thế giới lần thứ nhất, trong Chiến tranh thế giới lần thứ hai chuyển thành Sư đoàn Dù. Sư đoàn được chuyển thành Sư đoàn cơ động đường không khi đến Việt Nam tháng 11/1967 (riêng Lữ đoàn 1 đến Việt Nam từ tháng 7/1965). Bộ phận cuối cùng rời khỏi Việt Nam 10/3/1972. Hoạt động ở vùng I chiến thuật (Quảng Trị, Thừa Thiên, Huế, Quảng Ngãi), vùng II chiến thuật (Phú Yên, Phan Rang, Khánh Hòa, Kontum), vùng III chiến thuật (Sài Gòn, Biên Hòa) và kể cả ở Nam Lào. Thiệt hại trong Chiến tranh Việt Nam là 22.270 người, gấp hai lần rưỡi trong Chiến tranh thế giới lần thứ hai (9.328).

The 101st Airborne Division was partially organized in World War I, activated in 1942 to take part in World War II. Coming to Vietnam in November 1967 (except the 1st Brigade in July 1965), it was converted into a fully airmobile status from its former parachutist mode. It operated in the I Corps Tactical Zone (Quang Tri, Thua Thien, Hue, Quang Ngai), II Corps Tactical Zone (Phu Yen, Phan Rang, Khanh Hoa, Kontum), III Corps Tactical Zone (Saigon, Bien Hoa) and in Laos. The bulk of the division was withdrawn from Vietnam on 10 March 1972. Its casualties totaled 22,270, a toll almost two-and-a-half times that of World War II (9,328).



Máy bay lên thẳng UH - 1B và UH - 1D chuẩn bị đưa binh lính thuộc Trung đoàn 2, Sư đoàn Không vận số 101 đi hành quân (ngày 23/8/1965)

UH - 1B and UH - 1D helicopters were getting ready to pick up soldiers of the 2nd Regiment, 101st Airborne Division before moving to an assault area (August 23, 1965)



OBITUARIES



*** Daniel K. Cheney**
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Bellingham, WA
3 August 2013

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*** Rev. William L. Culbertson**
1/327 B 7/66-7/67
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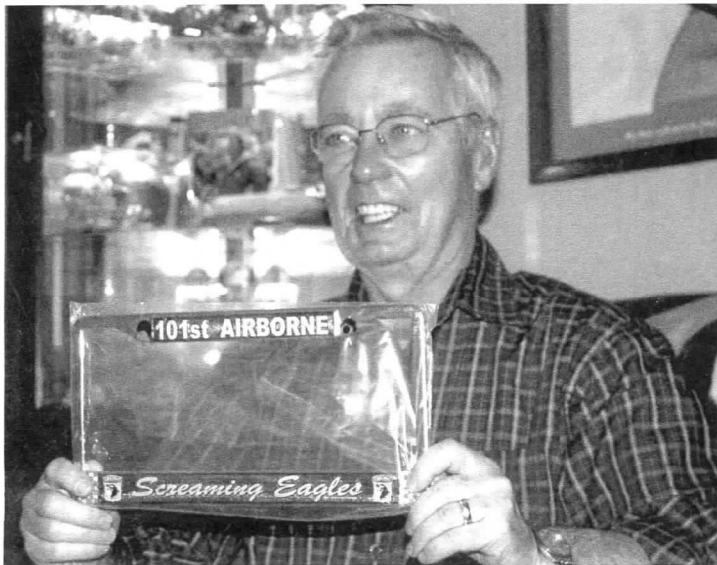
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August 22, 2013

James W. Geary – Viet Nam Nov 1965 – Phan Rang

That smile says it all ... so proud to be a SCREAMING EAGLE

James William Geary, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, died on August 22, 2013. He was 68.

Born on January 13, 1945, in Fort Myers, Florida, he was a son of the late Francis and Wilma (Barney) Geary.



He is survived by his wife, Linda; son, James W. (Tracy) Geary, Waterford, Mich.; three grandchildren, Joshua, Courtney and Campbell; a brother, Thomas (Cathleen) Geary, Forestville, NY; four sisters, Kathleen Miller, Angola, NY; Patti Dimond, North Tonawanda, NY; Mary Wilder, Hamburg, NY and Maureen (William) Lobko, Plymouth, Mass.; his mother-in-law, Pepper Folck, Little Rock, Ark.; two sisters-in-law, Karen (Mark) Smeltzer, Little Rock and Nancy Folck, Wichita, Kan.; and a special niece, Shelly (Kevin) Czarnecki, Silver Creek, NY.

Mr. Geary was a 1962 graduate of South Park High School, Buffalo, NY. Upon graduation, he served his country with the U. S. Army

101st Airborne Division, 1st Brigade, both in Korea and then in Vietnam from 1963 to 1966. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device for action on 27 September 1965 in the Republic of Viet Nam.

After the service, he graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo with a four-year degree with a dual major in history and political science. He then went on to obtain his master's degree in 1971 and a Ph.D. in history in 1976, both at Kent State University. After being appointed to a faculty position in the University Libraries, Mr. Geary earned a second master's degree in library and information science in 1978.

He began his career as the university archivist and director of American History Research Center at Kent State University. He later served as the assistant dean at Kent State's Liverpool campus. He subsequently headed the circulation department at Kent State and then joined the reference department to lead its instructional unit.



Mr. Geary authored "We Need Men: The Union Draft in the Civil War" (Northern Illinois University Press, 1991) and co-edited with John T. Hubbell "The Biographical Dictionary of the Union" (Greenwood Press, 1995). Upon his retirement, Kent's board of trustees conferred the title of professor emeritus of libraries and media services in recognition of Mr. Geary's various and sustained contributions to the university.

After retirement, Mr. Geary and his wife Linda moved to Upper Sandusky in 2002. He began serving his community with his involvement on the Upper Sandusky Tree Commission and currently was on the Upper Sandusky Park Board, the Upper Sandusky Veterans Color Guard and the Wyandot Memorial Association.

He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2842, American Legion Post No. 225, AMVETS Post No. 777, Disabled American Veterans and the 101st Airborne Division Association.

Mr. Geary played a key role in community enhancements, such as the veteran's park benches at Stepping Stones and Bicentennial parks in Upper Sandusky, the William Naus Post No. 2842 75th anniversary marker, the flag mural downtown,

Robbins Rock Memorial at Harrison Smith Park and his current work, a memorial flag pole at the entrance of Harrison Smith Park to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. He also played an integral part in planning and conducting the annual Memorial Day program at Harrison Smith Park.

For hobbies, he enjoyed traveling with Linda to Pennsylvania to hike and kayak in the many woods and rivers along the way. He also enjoyed going to historic sites of old forts and memorials throughout the states and taking his grandchildren to the fair. He loved reading military history, along with all Civil War topics and local history and also enjoyed listening to many types of music, such as patriotic, big band, the Irish Tenors and Patsy Cline.

A memorial service was held by Rev. Charles Steward on August 29, 2013, at Lucas-Batton Funeral Home, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

The opening song was "Rendezvous with Destiny" from the Airborne Salute. Also during the service Jim's buddy from the 101 (*James Dolinger, 1/327 HQ 3/66-4/67) read "Ode to the Infantryman in RVN." Recessional music was "Blood on the Risers."

**** Gary Hernandez**
2/327 C 5/65-11/65
Elk Grove, CA
8 December 2010

From THE SCREAMING EAGLE MAGAZINE – FALL 2013 issue

+ **George L. Mercado**
2/502 C 4/66-11/66

A call was received from Mr. Mercado's son that his father had passed away. No other information is available.

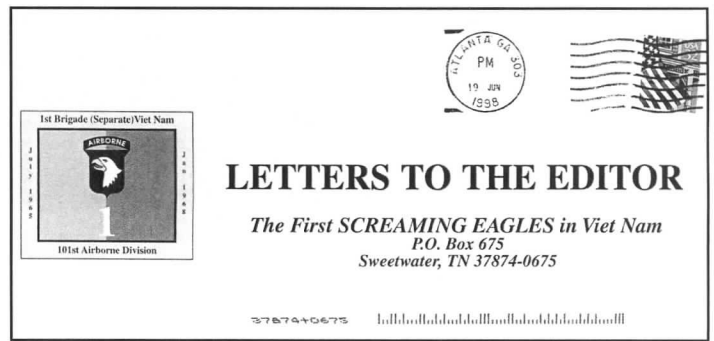
****Jerome R. Reitenbach**
1/327 HQ 66-67
Daly City, CA
25 June 2013

From THE SCREAMING EAGLE MAGAZINE – FALL 2013 issue

+ **John P. Ritchey**
HHC Staff 7/67-7/68
August 29, 2013

The subscription renewal notice was returned marked deceased August 29, 2013. Condolences may be sent to June Ritchey, 4628 Harbour Village Blvd, Unit 2407, Port Orange, FL 32127-7271.

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E-MAIL

+ **MAJ(R) WILLIAM E. GROVES**, HHC (AG) 6/66-5/67
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Ivan, a short note to say thank you for the write up (October 2013, Letters to the Editor, page 21). After returning to Phan Rang in November I lost track of the group that I had in the forward area. I do recall a couple of them returning on their way home. With the exception of Specialist Brooks I would assume the rest got out of the service. As you may recall, I returned to the 82nd Airborne and was assigned Personnel Management Officer under LTC Joe Blanco. I do not recall processing any of the guys through the 82nd. But I will say again, they were a super bunch of youngsters to work with. Again, thanks. Keep up the good work and God Bless. bg(W.E. Groves, Maj.,Ret.,HHC AG)

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

+ **WILLIAM L. CARPENTER**, 1/327 HHC TF 12/66-12/67, 1041 CR. #14, Rayland, OH 43943 wrote: Enclosed is my check for renewal of "The First Screaming Eagles." I enclosed a little extra to help with postage, etc. I will write you some articles in the near future. I have been very busy this last year. I went back to work part time, but it is more like full time, the last few months. Thank you for doing such a good job.

You may publish my numbers if you wish – home 740-859-4447 and cell 740-275-2052.

+ **MAJ(R) WILLIAM E. GROVES**, HHC (AG) 6/66-5/67, 576 Coast Oak Circle, Lawrenceville, GA 30046-6114, (770) 963-9947 wrote: Ivan, just a short note (with check) to renew my subscription for another year.

I must comment again on the fantastic presentation of the Memorial Day activities (July 2013 edition). Your work and involvement that goes into this publication is truly remarkable. The foundation of the airborne spirit.

Well done my friend. Take care and God Bless.

+ **MRS. JAMES W. (LINDA) GEARY**, FAMILY - (James W. SPT BN A 7/65-1/66), 216 Elm Drive, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351-1046, (419) 294-5739 sent the following. My late husband, James W. Geary, was a big fan of your publication and products to honor the "First Screaming Eagles in Viet Nam."

I enclose his obituary and some pictures for your consideration to include in whole or part in "The Always First Brigade" publication.

Whenever Jim needed inspiration or faced a challenge he played his "Airborne Salute" CD. We both knew all the words by heart - "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, Zoom."

With respect and gratitude for your service.

P.S. Please keep me informed about your effort to place a monument, to honor members of the brigade, at the Wings of Liberty Military Museum at Fort Campbell. I would very much like to contribute.

See obituaries on page 11.

+ **ROBERT DICKSON**, 2/320 FA B BTRY 7/65-8/66 (gun #3 Asst. gunner), 309 Lookout Dr., Sedona, AZ 86351-7845 (319-983-2777 summer/928-284-2372 winter) sent the following. Sign me up for another year. Always look forward to the magazine. I've added a little extra for postage. I also have included my Arizona winter address to be used until May 1st, 2014.

Can't believe it's going on 50 years. I went over on an advanced party on C130's. Cam Ranh Bay was just a dirt landing area when we arrived. I went home August 1966 and it was a big military city.

+ **EDWARD S. BONK, JR.**, 2/327 B 7/65-6/66, 1800 Tomlinson Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19116-3850, (215) 464-2294 when renewing his subscription wrote: Any news on the 50th Anniversary of the General Leroy Eltinge reunion?

Editor's Note: See page 1.

+ **COL(R) BURT E. SLATER**, SPT HQ 6/66-6/67, 140 Lake Shore Dr., Norwood, NC 28128-6563 along with subscription renewal and extra contribution wrote: Keep up the good work, enjoy every issue.

Burt Slater, Brigade Maint. Officer

+ **RONALD M. KOJA**, 2/17 CAV A & 501 S&T-7/65-5/67, 6406 Virginia Ave., Parma, OH 44129-2624 wrote: I'm sorry it took so long to re-subscribe. Enclosed are two checks. One is for the subscription the other is for whatever. Your chose. Keep up the good work.

Forever the Airborne

+ **RUSSELL BARRON**, 2/327 HHQ 8/67-10/68, 14 Fairview Ave., Dunkirk, NY 14048-3518, (716) 363-7550 sent the following note with his subscription renewal. About one month ago I got a baseball hat that says "Veteran Viet Nam" on it and I have had four different people tell me "Thank You." It made me feel "real good and stand tall." I came back to the states in '68 and I don't remember anyone saying thank you.



+ **BENNY L. HAMBY**, 326 ENGR A 2/66-2/67, 4660 Liberty Square Dr., Acworth, GA 30101-4968, (770) 974-1450 along with his subscription renewal sent the following: Here are a couple of pictures that might interest you. A Tennessee state flag at Dak-To, June 1966. How many remember the early years in VN when camo was used? A Co. 326th Engr's and 17th CAV on a mine sweep.



Thanks for the good work.
Benny

+ **TIM ZUMWALT**, 1/327 B ELT 6/65-7/66, P.O. Box 49, Piedra, CA 93649-0049, (559) 356-0257 when renewing his subscription wrote: Thanks for your efforts and undying loyalty to our history. I believe there are forces attempting to 'correct/erase' the history of the military by focusing on errors or efforts without the desired outcome. You're standing in the way of those forces and I thank you for that. Keep the change (above subscription cost received).

I would love to hear from anyone that can help me get in touch with Lon Peters, Company Clerk, B 1/327 65-66, I think from Minnesota and Wayne Gardner, Company Armorer about the same time frame from Martinsville, Virginia.

Thank again, Tim Zumwalt

Editor's Note: Can anyone help? These two men are not in the database.

+ = Current Subscriber

Abu reunion in Oak Grove and Fort Campbell

+ LTC (R) Billy R. Robbins, 1/327 ABU 7/65-8/66, sent the following message.

Ivan: Here's information regarding the Abu (1-327) Gathering held at Oak Grove, Ky., 26 - 29 September 2013.

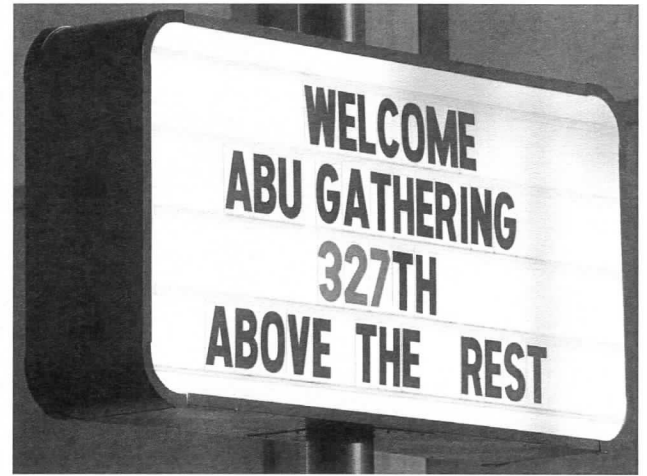
There were 26 Abu paratroopers in attendance who gathered to visit Abu *Milton McQueeney 1/327 ABU 63-66, who was resting in a recuperating facility in Clarksville.



Fifteen of the 26 Abu paratroopers who attended the reunion lined up for a picture. From left to right **STANDING**: +Gerald C. "Horny" Hornbeck, 1/327 A 12/65-3/66; +Adrien O. Belanger, 1/327 ABU ELT 7/65 - 6/66; +Raymond "Rocky" Ryan, 1/327 A 65-66; **Don Catt, 1/327 B ELT 7/65 - ?; +Richard H. Guillen, 1/327 HHC & B 6/65-7/66; +Galen G. Mitchell, 1/327 A 6/65-5/66; +David E. Snyder, 1/327 A 7/65-1966; +Harold Mattson, 1/327 A 5/65-3/67; +Teddy F. Stanley, 1/327 ABU 12/65-12/66; +LTC (R) Billy R. Robbins, 1/327 ABU 7/65-8/66; **Gary J. Stackhouse, Jr., 1/327 ABU dates?. **KNEELING**: +BG (R) John D. Howard, 1/327 A & TF 1/65- 6/66; +Frank C. Trout, 1/327 ABU 2/66-6/66; +Larry E. Forrest, 1/327 A & E LRRP 7/65-7/66; and +Frank Trzebuckowski, 1/327 A ELT 7/65-9/65.



Heather Coughlin, who is Assistant Manager at the SLEEP INN Hotel, receiving her Honorary ABU Proclamation to honor her extraordinary work as host to the Abu Gathering. In the background, with a microphone, is Russell Sterns, son-in-law of +Robert A. Press, Sr., 1/327 A 5/64-6/66.



The original 3rd platoon Abu -- Eltinge Boat Troopers. From Left: +Adrien O. Belanger, 1/327 ABU ELT 7/65 - 6/66; +Raymond "Rocky" Ryan, 1/327 A 65-66; +BG (R) John D. Howard, 1/327 A & TF 1/65- 6/66; +Frank Trzebuckowski, 1/327 A ELT 7/65-9/65; +LTC (R) Billy R. Robbins, 1/327 ABU 7/65-8/66 and +Galen G. Mitchell, 1/327 A 6/65-5/66.



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This edition of the DIPLOMAT AND WARRIOR was sent to me by CPT Barry Hana, HQ-PIO 3/67-3/68. It is a four-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) magazine database, are listed below.

Page 1, None.

Page 2, Photo CHECKING SIGNALS, by +SP4 William P. Singley, BDE HQ PIO 67; **Second Lieutenant Daniel McIsacs (in database as Dan McIssac, BDE HQ dates?). Trooper Refuses Aid In Song Ve Valley, **Ron Paulsgrove, 2/327 B 66-67; +Frederick J. Tregaskes, 2/327 B 7/66-8/67. Golden Knight Becomes Engineer Company XO, **Second Lieutenant William A. Wise (in database as Bill Wise, 326 ENGR A 12/66-12/67). CMB, 2 Purple Hearts To Medic In One Week, +Fred Tomlin, 1/327 HHC 5/67-5/68 (Fred died November 4th 2007). DIPLOMAT and WARRIOR, OIC ... 2LT Barry Hanna, +CPT Barry Hana, HQ-PIO 3/67-3/68.

Page 3, 'No Slack' Company Exchanges Ambush With VC, by +SP4 William P. Singley, BDE HQ PIO 67; +Wm. (Bill) H. Duff, Jr., 1/327 A & HHC 6/66-1/68; **First Lieutenant Robert N. Riviello (in database as Bob Riviello, 1/327 A 2/67-2/68). Brigade Begins To Reap Benefits As Cash Awards Program Pays Off, by *** SP4 Daniel S. Stroebel, BDE HQ PIO dates?; +LTC (R) James M. Tajiri, HHC 181 MI 7/66-6/67. Cookies To Tigers Sent By US Bank, **Carl A. James, 1/327 B&TF 67-68. Photo SMALL BUT EFFICIENT by +SP4 William P. Singley, BDE HQ PIO 67.

Page 4, Photo SILVER BARS, +COL(R) William F. Hughes, 2/327 B, HHC, E 5/67-12/68; ***James T. Unger, 2/327 67-68; *John T. McKnight, 2/327 HQ 4/67-12/68 and +Norman E. Fretwell, 2/327 A 5/67-5/68.

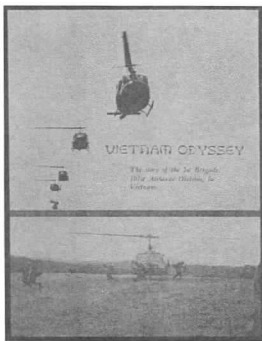
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The story of the first year of action of the 1st Brigade in Vietnam is filled with photos of brigade activities written accounts of all operations, drawings by brigade artists, statistics and other interesting personal and unit material.

The book was edited by 1LT Charles J. Apodaca. The writing and layout was done by SGT Robert F. Barry with



sketches and art by SGT Robert Finney and PFC Raymond Brown. Photographs were by SGT Bernardo Mangaboyat, SP4 Richard Houghton, SP4 Oddvar Breiland and SGT Jack Baird. PFC Robert B. Gray furnished special mechanical assistance. Frank Faulkner and Steven Van Meter, who served with the

brigade for the first six months in Viet Nam, provided many of the photographs.

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

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

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

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17th Cav First With 100% AER

DUK PHO — Troop A 2/17th Cavalry is the first unit in the brigade to announce 100 per cent participation in the Army Emergency Relief (AER) fund drive which got under way earlier this month.

Each year, Army personnel have an opportunity to participate in contributing funds for AER, an organization dedicated to helping the soldier when he needs money for an emergency. Wherever Army personnel are stationed AER is there to help them.

When you give to AER, you're really giving to yourself. Countless troopers in the 101st have received financial aid from AER. The cavalry troopers have set a splendid example.

Contributions to AER may be accepted anytime by the drive chairman in your unit.



JOINT TRIBUTE— Representatives of Free World Military Forces (FWMF) pay tribute to the flags of free nations serving in Vietnam during AID Day observances here. (L-R; Mr. Nguyen Trung Thoi, Deputy Province Chief for Administration; Mr. Larry L. Laverente, Provincial Representative, AID; Lt. Col. Kim Won Tae, Republic of Korea Army; Mr. Nguyen Ky, Provincial Council Chairman, and Lt. Col. Kha Vang Huy, Chief, Ninh Thuan Province. (US Army Photo by CPT Wes Grosbeck)

Also Made First Two U.S. Combat Jumps

First Paratrooper To Receive Medal Of Honor Assigned As First Brigade Sergeant Major

DUK PHO—The first paratrooper to receive the Medal of Honor has been assigned here as the brigade sergeant major. He is Paul B. Huff, Cleveland, Tenn. and former sergeant major for the 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Sergeant Major Huff entered the Army in 1941 and was the only member of his basic training company to volunteer for airborne.

"It was new and I thought I would try it," said Huff. "Jump school was five weeks long in those days and we used the T-7 parachute and jumped from C-47 aircraft."

He joined the 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion and participated in the first (then the 2d Bn, 503d Prcht. Inf. Regt.) U.S. combat jump of World War II when the battalion flew from England to parachute into Oran Nov. 8, 1942. Later, he jumped in Tunisia.

"The third jump was the most exciting," he said. "We jumped behind German lines in Salerno. The most men I ever had with me at one time were six. We ambushed German troops, destroyed bridges and lived off the land."

At Anzio the young, moustached corporal won the Medal of Honor. He was acting platoon sergeant and took five volunteers across a mine field and creek in an approach to an enemy-held hill. The five men provided cover fire as Huff crawled up the open hillside and wiped out two machine gun nests.

"To find the machine gun positions I had to raise to my knees to draw fire." Unharmed, Huff attacked the positions and neutralized them. Returning to his five buddies, Huff returned to his platoon. With 12 more men, he and the original five men took the hill from approx-

imately 125 Germans, killing 21 and capturing 27. One American was killed in the action.

Following World War II, Sergeant Major Huff served in Japan, Ft. Bragg, and an ROTC assignment in Tampa, Fla. Then he was assigned to Ft. Campbell.

After 11 years with the Screaming Eagles, he volunteered for Vietnam. "Since the 509th never had a patch and was disbanded for a long time, I adopted the 101st as my outfit," he said. "I've served with most of the officers and NCO's who have served with the brigade at Campbell and in Vietnam. As far as I'm concerned the 101st is the only outfit here."

Sergeant Major Huff has experienced unusual honors since he was decorated in Rome. In 1963, when the 509th was reactivated in Germany, he was flown from Ft. Campbell to present the

Phan Rang Observes International Aid Day

PHAN RANG (Spt Bn IO)— One of the largest celebrations in the history of Ninh Thuan province was observed here when 1,300 residents joined with United States, Free World Military Forces (FWMF) observance of International Aid Day. The occasion - marked by ceremony, cultural exchanges, and sports events - climaxed with the dedication of a new recreation center built by Vietnamese and Support Battalion.

A volleyball contest between the province and Support Battalion teams preceded an Oriental luncheon for key government and US/FWMF representatives in the Officers' Open Mess, hosted by Army Lieutenant Colonel Quinton P. Sunday, Eufaula, Okla., Support Battalion commander.

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

Climaxing the day long festivities was a reception at the home of Lt. Col. Kha Vang Huy, province chief, and the dedication of the recreation center, constructed and furnished by the Phan Rang Community Council and Support Battalion personnel. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a plaque by the Phan Rang Cub Scouts to Captain Wes Grosbeck, battalion civil affairs officer, for assistance in building the center and playground equipment for the children of Phan Rang.

Noise Discipline Saves Two Hawks

DUK PHO — Strict noise discipline can save a life — or lose it — in the jungle west of here as two members of the Hawk Platoon, 2/327, will testify.

Specialist 4 Harold English, Millen, Ga., and Private First Class James Triplett, Roanoke, Va., were leading elements of the platoon when they entered the thick underbrush adjacent to a mountain stream.

"I heard someone thrashing around on the rocks," said Triplett, "and I knew all our guys were behind us." As he and English waited, two Viet Cong came sloshing up the stream. The two paratroopers waited a second and opened fire.

Among the effects on the body of one VC was a decoration awarded by the 1st Battalion, 58th North Vietnamese Regiment.

New CO For 1/327

DUK PHO — In a recent change of command ceremony at the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division near here, Lieutenant Colonel Harold P. Austin, took command of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, succeeding Lieutenant Colonel Jerry E. Collins.



CHECKING SIGNALS— Specialist 4 Raymond Martinez, Los Angeles (left) and Second Lieutenant Daniel McIsacs, Boston, members of the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol of the 101st Airborne, rehash details of the raid plan before taking off. The Screaming Eagles raided two VC villages on consecutive nights during Operation Malheur II. (US Army Photo by SP4 William P. Singley)

'No Slack' Sergeant Cuts Down VC As Troopers Move Into 'Empty' Village

DUC PHO— As the squad of paratroopers moved down the jungle trail towards a creek on a water resupply mission, Staff Sergeant Osiris Melendez, Clarksville, Tenn., detected fresh tracks and passed back a warning, "Look out. 'Charlie' may be near."

Cautiously, the men of the 2/327 continued down the trail. Further on Melendez heard noise. He stopped the squad and sent five men through the brush to the right of the trail as the rest of the squad advanced. Encountering no VC, the squad converged on an empty village which appeared to be a company-sized VC base camp.

The paratroopers began searching the camp, which appeared to have been recently fortified. A noise was heard just outside the village. Melendez silently crept through the underbrush

towards the sound.

Three VC approached the village. The airborne sergeant put his M-16 rifle on automatic and cut down the enemy soldiers.

CMB, 2 Purple Hearts To Medic In One Week

DUC PHO— Within a week a newly assigned medic of the 101st Airborne had not only won his Combat Medical Badge, but also two Purple Hearts,

Two hours after Private First Class Fredrick Tomlin, Hutchinson, Kan., of Company B, 1/327 had stepped into the battlefield, the Viet Cong launched a mortar attack. As Tomlin ran to aid a wounded man, a piece of shrapnel clipped his ear.

"The explosion picked me

"I thought there was just one VC out there," said Melendez, "I was surprised when I saw three. But I guess they were more surprised than me."

up and turned me over," said Tomlin. "I was lucky."

Six days later, Company B was guarding a captured rice cache when VC in hidden positions opened fire. An M-79 grenade round exploded eight feet from Tomlin, knocking him off his feet and cutting his hand.

Tomlin's attitude is that of the medics of the 101st. "If you're any kind of medic you can't go for cover when someone is wounded out there."

Smiling later, Tomlin added: "Our senior medic has four Purple Hearts. I'm catching up quickly."

Trooper Refuses Aid During Raging Fight In Song Ve Valley

DUC PHO— The explosion of a grenade shattered the silence and suddenly the jungle air was alive with automatic weapons fire.

While circling a hill near the Song Ve river valley, a rear security element of a 101st Airborne platoon had been hit by a Viet Cong squad coming down the hill.

Hit by fragments of the first enemy grenade, Private First Class Ronald D. Paulsgrove, Galesburg, Ill., called out for aid.

Golden Knight Becomes Engineer Company XO

DUC PHO— A former enlisted man and member of the US Army Parachute Team (Golden Knights) has turned in his free-fall equipment for the bars of a second lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant William A. Wise, Fort Payne, Ala., the executive officer of Company A, 326th Engineers is a veteran of more than 700 parachute jumps. Some 500 have been free-fall.

Before entering Engineer Officers Candidate School, Lieutenant Wise spent two and a half years with the Golden Knights and also performed sky-diving stunts in Germany.

"It was good duty," said Wise. "We practiced and worked hard. In our travels we met a lot of interesting people."

"I can't describe what falling is like even though I've been asked many times," explained the lieutenant. "You're moving at 200 feet per second and it feels natural once you're used to it."

Once in Appleton, Wis., the former staff sergeant had a malfunction after he had cut a way an intentional streamer. "The reserve popped at 200 feet. I was scared."

The Alabamian was offered a position with the team after he received his commission. He refused it because he wanted to serve in Vietnam. "Being over here is more important."

The medic, Specialist 4 John P. Miller, Martinez, Calif., heard the plea. Braving the enemy fire, he moved through the brush towards Paulsgrove.

Reaching the wounded paratrooper, Miller was told: "Go on. Go on. I'm not hurt bad." Paulsgrove pointed towards several other wounded men lying closer to the enemy positions.

The fury of battle mounted as the paratroopers fought to gain fire superiority. Crawling beneath the heavy exchange of fire, Miller reached the three wounded men and began working on their wounds. Later, he crawled back to Paulsgrove and aided him.

A squad of paratroopers circled the VC and silenced the enemy guns. One VC was killed and the rest fled.

"There was gunfire everywhere," said Sergeant Frederick J. Tregaskis, Fayetteville, N.C., one of the wounded men. "Miller displayed real courage today. We'll never forget him."

West Texas Town Offers Free News

EL PASO— Paratroopers from El Paso are invited to request a free copy of "The Hometown News," a weekly publication of the State National Bank.

To receive the free paper write: Chris P. Fox, The State National Bank, El Paso, Texas, 7999.

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- OIC 2LT Barry Hana
- EDITOR SSG Mike Mangiameli



OPERATION "MALHEUR II"— Paratroopers of the brigade shoot and scoot across the open field near Duc Pho in southern Quang Ngai Province, as enemy troops hidden in the treeline snipe at the advancing infantrymen. (US Army Photo by SP5 James R. Hesselgrave)



GOURMET'S DELIGHT — Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne conducting Operation Malheur II in the jungles near Duc Pho, rejoice in a resupply of C-rations. (US Army Photo)

'No Slack' Company Exchanges Ambush With VC

by SP4 William P. Singley

DUC PHO — A platoon of paratroopers of the 101st Airborne exchanged jungle ambushes with the Viet Cong during Operation Malheur II fighting near here.

A VC ambush caught the 2d Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry by surprise. A few weeks later the situation was reversed.

The platoon was stretched along a jungle trail in hills around the Song Ve river valley. After darkness the paratroopers moved into positions as they had been doing night after night, hoping to catch the enemy.

"You couldn't see anything because it was raining so hard," said Platoon Sergeant Phillip G. Shaw, Detroit. "Duff and Johnson heard the VC first."

At 3:15 a.m. Specialist 4 Ronald L. Johnson, Indianapolis, neded Specialist 4 William Duff, Danville, Ill. Both strained to hear beyond the falling rain. Then they heard "Charlie."

"It was pitch black," said Johnson. "They stopped and we heard mumbling."

Long seconds passed. Faces

inches apart, they nodded. The paratroopers knew it was the enemy, not just their imaginations. Johnson detonated the Claymore mine. Other members of the platoon hit the enemy with grenades and M-16 fire.

The Screaming Eagles stopped firing and listened. Moaning could be heard through the rain.

"We thought more would come," said Johnson. "The whole platoon stayed awake the rest of the night."

Morning came, the rain stopped. Duff, Johnson and Sergeant Lee D. Williams, Birmingham, Ala., cautiously moved to where the VC lay. Duff led the way. As he

leaned over to pick up an enemy weapon, a VC playing dead, raised to toss a grenade. Sergeant Williams, following behind, pressed the trigger on his M-16.

Duff spun and watched the enemy go down. He gave Sergeant Williams a nod of thanks.

The three paratroopers found seven bodies. One was a VC doctor. Ten field packs also were found, leading the ambushers to believe three enemy had escaped the trap.

"It was a good feeling to revenge that earlier ambush," said First Lieutenant Robert N. Rivello, Arlington, Va. The rest of the platoon nodded in agreement.

And No Parachutes Either

Redlegs Make Non-Combat Jump

DUC PHO (2/320-10) — Two paratroopers from Battery C of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 320th Artillery made a non-combat jump recently when they lost their footing and fell from a cliff near here.

Private First Class Anthony M. Rebeck, Butte, Mont., and David A. Smith, Honolulu, were building a bunker at the edge of a cliff. While putting the last sand bag in place,

Rebeck lost his footing. Smith made a desperate lunge to catch his buddy, but also lost his balance.

The drop minus parachute lasted only seconds. Rebeck tried to assume a good prepare-to-land attitude. Smith landed on top of Rebeck.

Both artillerymen were knocked unconscious, but otherwise uninjured. Only their airborne pride was bruised.

15,000 Piastres For VC General

Brigade Begins To Reap Benefits As Cash Awards Program Pays Off

by SP4 Dan Stroebel

DUC PHO — A Cash Awards Program (CAP) of the 181st Military Intelligence Detachment, has begun to reap benefits for the 1st Brigade during its three most recent operations.

On four occasions local Vietnamese civilians were awarded from 500 to 5,000 piastres for disclosing information leading to the capture of Viet Cong weapons and in one case, a VC agent.

The Cash Awards Program was launched by Major James M. Tajiri in November of last year. The program met with little success during the first few months until the brigade began Operation Summerall at Khanh Duong. There a Montagnard boy led paratroopers to a hidden machine gun and received 5,000 piastres.

Two comparable incidents have occurred since the 101st moved to I Corps. Here, two 15-year-old boys saw a pair of VC digging in the road. The VC ran off leaving

behind a detonator and fuse to a land mine. The boys told authorities about the incident and the mine attempt was thwarted.

On another occasion a small boy pointed out a booby-trapped grenade to military police.

The latest incident occurred in Operation Malheur II and involved a Vietnamese villager. He was awarded 500 piastres for the capture of a Viet Cong agent who was residing in the area.

The size of the award varies with the importance of the captured personnel or material. Awards range from 40 piastres for information to 6,500 piastres for a .50 caliber machine gun. A Viet Cong general could earn an informer 15,000 piastres. Almost any item belonging to the Viet Cong or North Vietnamese Army is worth a cash award to a Vietnamese civilian who turns it in.

"This program was developed in hopes of providing incentive to those civilians

who might otherwise withhold important and valuable information," said Major Tajiri. "It's beginning to pay off."

Cookies To Tigers Sent By US Bank

DUC PHO (2/327-10) — Cookies from home highlighted the return from the field of the Tiger Force recently during a break in Operation Malheur II.

The cookies resulted from correspondence between First Lieutenant Carl A. James, Salem, Ore., and employees of the Ladd & Bush-Salem Branch of the U.S. National Bank of Oregon. The bank workers baked and packaged cookies for Salem servicemen. Lieutenant James received a box and wrote a letter of appreciation. The bank employees responded by sending even more cookies — enough for all the Tigers.

As one Tiger was heard to say: "It's nice to know that someone cares."



SMALL BUT EFFICIENT — Specialist 4 Willie L. Watts, Fayetteville, N. C., of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry washes away a day's sweat and grime. The Australian shower bucket is popular with paratroopers of the 101st Airborne now conducting Operation Malheur II. (US Army Photo by SP4 William P. Singley)

Hospitals Main Attraction In Qui Nhon To Screaming Eagles

by SP4 William P. Singley

QUI NHON — Soldiers assigned garrison duty in this bustling port city may be impressed by the honky-tonks and mammoth post exchange, but to wounded paratroopers of the 101st Airborne the 67th and 85th Evacuation Hospitals are the main attractions.

The lifesaving care begun by the medic on the battlefield is continued at the hospitals here. If further treatment is needed, the patient is sent to Japan or back to the states. Troopers seldom spend more than a week here. Most are returned to duty as soon as possible.

Not all the patients are wounded. Some are treated for common jungle ailments — malaria, dysentery and skin fungus.

"We get approximately 30 men a day in all kinds of condition," explained Captain Richard D. Chapman, Portland, Ore., a general surgeon with the 67th. "They know when they get here they're going to be all right. Morale is excellent. These men are tough. They respond well."

The nurses, male and female, are Army. Instead of immaculate white hospital uniforms, they wear spotless jungle fatigues. They are good listeners and advisors. They hear the combat stories; they build the wounded patient's confidence. With professional skill and natural affection, the hospital staff

repairs and restores.

"Sometimes we give them a hard time," says Captain Regina Wachowski, Samokin, Pa., with a wink. "Here you become emotionally involved. That doesn't happen often in the states. We love every one of them."

"The new patient is shy and quiet," said First Lieutenant Diane M. Crowley. "The first thing we do is get him cleaned up. Once they begin to feel better and sense they are recovering, they begin to raise hell. We let them. They're good men and I love working with them."

Specialist 4 Pierre J. Bell, Baltimore, wounded while serving with Company A, 2/327, described his treatment: "The doctors are understanding and they make sure you get your treatments and medicine. Other than that, no one bothers you."

How was Bell feeling? "I'm healing fast," he said, "17 days to DEROS."

Private First Class Ronald E. Allen, Los Angeles, was sitting up in his bed, his back and legs swathed in bandages. He sustained serious wounds when Company B, 1/327, was hit by mortar fire.

"I kept passing out and couldn't breathe," said Allen, "Fields (PFC David L. Fields, Los Angeles) gave me mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and pulled me through."

Allen went first to the Chu Lai aid station.

"They were great. They

couldn't do enough for me."

Two days later he was in the 67th Evacuation Hospital.

"They treat you good here," said Allen. "Even the shots aren't bad. The chow is great, and my night nurse is something. But I worry about the guys still in the field."

The next day Allen was evacuated to Japan for further treatment.

"As long as they know where you are, they don't bother you," said Sergeant John H. Nash, Fayetteville, N.C., Company B, 2/502. "We have everything: books to read (Playboy and Mad are favorites), soda, juice, and milk anytime we want it. The USO and movies break the monotony of lying around." Nash, who sustained shrapnel wounds of the foot, hops around the ward on one crutch, enjoying the relaxed atmosphere.

Staff Sergeant Henoeh Bosch, Fayetteville, N.C., a former medic with the 1st Cav (Airmobile) Division and now assistant wardmaster at the 85th Evacuation Hospital says the patients are all alike.

"They sit and talk about everything," said Bosch. "They're a great bunch of guys." "One thing I noticed — they always call the nurses sir."

"We didn't know what we were getting into when we left the States," said Army nurse Captain Gerry Castiloro, Wheeling, W. Va.

"They're all different. Attitudes and morale are high." "It's a great experience."

Lieutenant Crowley agrees. In her words: "It's the most satisfying job I've ever had."



HOSPITAL'S ANGEL— First Lieutenant Diane Crowley of the 67th Evacuation Hospital gives Sergeant John Nash, Fayetteville, N.C., assistance as the wounded paratrooper rises from his bed. Sergeant Nash is recovering from shrapnel wounds of the foot, suffered during the 101st Airborne's Operation Malheur II.

(US Army Photo by SP4 Alva Tate)

326th Engineers Win 'Best Mess,' NCO Wins Compliment—From KP

DUC PHO — The brigade's Best Mess award for June went to Company A, 326th Engineers and with it a compliment to the mess steward — from a K.P.

"I've worked for a lot of mess sergeants," said Private First Class Charles B. Bowen, York, S.C., as he rested outside the mess tent, "and he's the best one I've met."

York was talking about Staff Sergeant Valentine Kaminski, Ft. Campbell, Ky., who supervises the 326th mess: "We have good cooks," he said, "that's what makes a mess hall tops."

When asked if the engineers complain about his chow, Sergeant Kaminski noted they always want more although he provides them with extra helpings and evening snacks.

Food Service Supervisor Sergeant First Class Elbert Hamaker, also of Ft. Campbell, has the responsibility for inspecting all brigade mess

halls. Sergeant Kaminski is his friend, but it doesn't affect the inspection. "When I inspect a friend," said Sergeant Hamaker, "I'm harder."

'The Sorties'

Brigade Entertained By Military Quartet

DUC PHO— Members of the brigade were recently entertained by "The Sorties," a quartet of servicemen who recently won a Saigon talent contest sponsored by MACV.

"We enjoy entertaining the guys," commented accordeon player Specialist 4 Bob Kohler, Pittsburg, the only Army member of the troupe. The others are: Airman First Class Louis E. Ciesla, Chicago, Ed Vadas, Worcester, Mass, and Airman Second Class Roger Franke, Wheaton, Ill.



SILVER BARS— Four second lieutenants of the 101st Airborne received silver bars from Lieutenant Colonel Edmond P. Abood (center rear), commander, 2/327. The four promoted officers, 1966 graduates of the U.S. Military Academy, are (Front Row, left to right): William F. Hughes, Lexington, Va., and James T. Unger, Pittsburgh. (Back row, left to right): John T. McKnight Jr., Toccoa, Ga., Colonel Abood, and Norman E. Fretwell, Joplin, Mo. (US Army Photo by SP4 Scott Christofferson)

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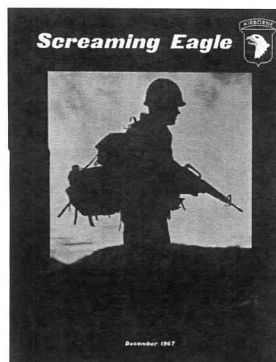
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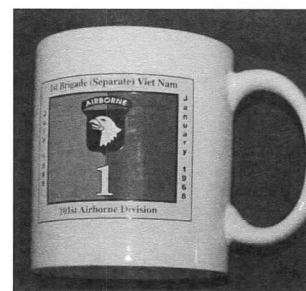
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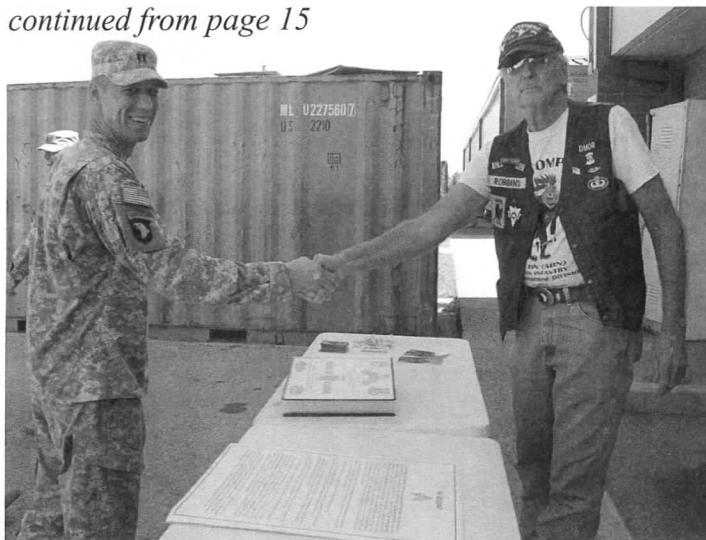
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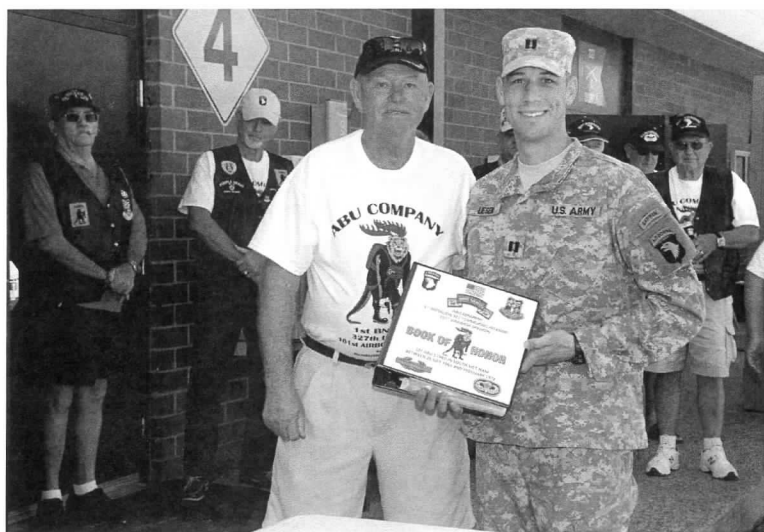
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+LTC (R) Billy R. Robbins, 1/327 ABU 7/65-8/66, and Abu Company Commander, Captain Justin Liesen.



+Teddy F. Stanley, 1/327 ABU 12/65-12/66, presenting a document to ABU First Sergeant Michael J. Stainback. Billy Robbins and Gary Stackhouse observe.



**Gary J. Stackhouse, Jr., 1/327 ABU dates?, presenting the Abu Company Commander, Captain Justin Liesen, a BOOK OF HONOR containing the names of the 127 Abu Troopers who died in South Viet Nam during the war.



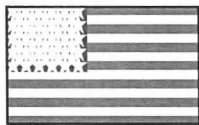
"ABU Enforcer" Russell Stearns sniffing the contents of the Moon-Shine Still at MB Roland's Distillery, Pembroke, Ky. He is son-in-law of +Robert A. Press, Sr., 1/327 A 5/64-6/66.



Abu Troopers serving their wives at the ladies dinner.



Abu +John L. "Dynamite" Hughes, USA (R), 1/327 HQ T.F. ELT 6/65-6/66, holding Butch, who jumped with Dynamite on every jump. Butch was riding in Dynamite's Jeep on 9 Dec 1965 when a road-mine near Ben Cat hit the jeep. *Chaplain (COL-R) Curtis R. Bowers, 1/327 HQ 7/65-6/66, retrieved Butch and reunited him with Dynamite in the hospital.



PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming that **TEDDY FRANKLIN STANLEY**, was born 4 October, 1941, in Covington, Virginia and joined the United States Army in January 1960 and,

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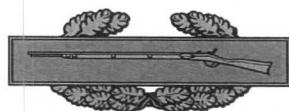
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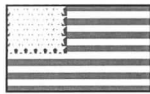
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WW II veteran, in jump suit jacket, is Honorary Abu Vincent "Vinnie" John Speranza who served in the 501 Parachute Infantry Regiment at Bastogne.



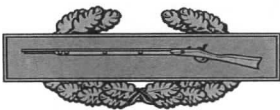
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This four (4) inch diameter round decal is manufactured so that it may be used both inside and outside. The patch is full color. Price is \$2.50 each postpaid. See order form on page 35.

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.



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Thank you for this opportunity. I have always thought that I would start down this road. My father led a mysterious life and few of us knew the sights he saw. We were told that he served three (3) tours, the 1st being with 2/327 in Tuy Hoa, the 2nd I have no info on and the 3rd by his telling involved missions that no man should do, and if he had failed he would not exist. He left the Army in 1970 I believe and continued a career as a pilot and with the FAA. I was born in 1974, his second wife of 3. In short he was a colorful man with many regrets.

If you could simply put the request out as follows.

Looking for information on CPT J W Normyle, USMA 1964, 2/327, 101st Airborne, Tuy Hoa 1966. Any and all information or stories is greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance; Seth Normyle (sjnorm@msn.com)

Here is my home address:

110 Putnam St., Bennington, VT 05201

Thank you for your help and service,
Best regards,
Seth

It would be great to have this as a feature in your newsletter. Feel free to include the info I added below.

Quick bullets:

- USMA 1964
- 2/327th, Tuy Hoa, CPT, 1966.
- Ft Lewis 1967
- At least one more tour post 1967.
- Began aviation career with the Army. (I have his official records with discharge date.)
- Professional pilot, eventually reaching 747 Captain.
- Later career with FAA.
- Lived in South Florida, active in Elks and VFW.

His ashes are interned at USMA.

Some other info can be found:

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Let me know if more info is needed.

Thanks again
Seth



Photo by Cannolly

BACK FROM VIET — Capt. James Warren Normyle of Balmville relaxes with his little family after returning from the battlefields of South Vietnam where he commanded a Hawk platoon, an infiltration and forward observation unit. Shown with him are his wife, the former Julie Herr, and their son, James Warren Normyle II, who will be a year old Jan. 19.

Infantry Commander Relates Story of Vietnam Conflict

By VINCENT J. CONNOLLY

Far from the fury of jungle warfare in South Vietnam, Capt. James Warren Norroye relaxed comfortably in the home of his in-laws in Baltimore over the Christmas holidays.

There he was able to enjoy one more between close white sheets instead of in his sweat-soaked jungle garb under a insecto-pesticide. There he could eat quietly at the dinner table instead of pushing insects out of his Christmas, and there finally he could sit down intimately with his wife, the former Julie Herr, and their one-year old son, James Warren II, to watch television action without the "bad guys" shooting back at him.

But still, with all these comforts, Capt. Norroye, like so many of his counterparts in uniform these days, finds it difficult to settle down to this "normal" way of life after greeting months in Southeast Asia, where he had lived closely with the men of his command, facing death and destruction almost continuously.

Capt. Norroye, a native New Yorker, returned home with a knee injury just before Christmas. He had been serving with the Second Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, more recently he was placed in command of a heavy platoon whose job it was to infiltrate enemy territory and observe their movements, collect for assaults or relay vital information to command posts.

Although he is aware that he has no control over the eventual solution of the Vietnam situation, Capt. Norroye, without hesitation, says the United States belongs in the conflict. Without us there, he felt, the Red Tide would engulf the entire peninsula.

While others may be critical of the South Vietnamese as soldiers and their reported lackadaisical fighting spirit, Capt. Norroye, from firsthand contact with these troops, classifies them as "fine class soldiers."

"I have never been exposed to any great disappointments. We were trained for

when they have served alongside us in combat," he said.

There are no real serious problems in language between the allies, the captain declared, stating that usually there are no interpreters. Both the Americans and South Viet units. And when there is no time for conversation outside the field, the speaker and cameramen which develop rapidly in that kind of situation needs no interpretation, the captain stated.

Since the Viet Cong won't fight unless they are reasonably sure of victory, the Americans and their allies operate in a "search and destroy" pattern. This does not give the VC the opportunity to select his own battleground and therefore spoils his strategy in many cases.

Reports that the VC were exclusively using Russian-made weapons were not borne out by the captain, who said that in most instances, German Sten guns, used by the Nazis in World War II, were found on the field after skirmishes. There have also been a number of American weapons which had either been stolen from our losses by "friendly" natives, or lost in combat against the enemy, he said.

The Viet Cong were also using what he termed, "Chi-Cam" weapons, those supplied by Vietnam's big neighbor, Red China.

For the countless Americans who have speared up K and C rations in many parts of the world during the past quarter century, Capt. Norroye put in a good word for the modern product. "It is a real good food," he commented, "it still follows through, though, on many of the preservation methods employed by South Pacific veterans, using the old Indian technique to partially dehydrate to make it last and so on."

A West Point graduate from the United States Military Academy with the Class of 1963, while in Vietnam, he was promoted to captain. "We know way back then that we would be here someday. We were trained for

just this type of war, but he are learning new things every day," he said.

The type of war in which the captain speaks is a guerrilla war the like of which has never been seen before. Operating from Tuy Hoa, about 200 kilometers northwest of Saigon, Capt. Norroye's area of operations spreads through the rice paddies, and plains in the jungle coated mountains.

"It is a very complex conflict," he said, "since conditions develop many intricate problems, but we have been very successful in our operations against the VC in this area."

One of the chief problems, mentioned by all who have fought in the land formerly known as Indochina, is the density of the foe.

"They all wear black pajamas and olive hats," he said. "This makes identity very difficult. But one thing we are certain of and that is if someone shoots at you, you shoot back."

Capt. Norroye had high praise for the Negro platoon sergeants who he said, "They are the best I have ever met in my Army career," he said, adding that they are "loyal and eager to carry out whatever order is given."

The Negro soldier in general is "going to do it very well in this great struggle for democracy, fighting alongside his fellow countrymen of many races and creeds," the officer said.

The most courageous men in Vietnam, however, he feels, are the "dusties," or crews of the evacuation helicopters, who fly wherever they are told to fly. It is where the fighting is the hottest.

"They are always in the air," Capt. Norroye said, "and through their bravery, they have saved the lives of many thousands of American and South Vietnamese by defying death themselves."

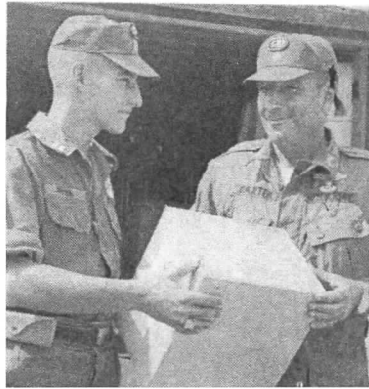
The battle for Vietnam once again is the Viet Cong's ally, since most of the fighting was done in night raids.

"It used to be the night belonged to 'Charlie,'" the captain explained, "but now it is the Americans who are the good night fighters and the result has had a demoralizing effect on the enemy."

The successful operations of the American and South Viet forces over the past several months have been responsible for the increasing numbers of defectors from the Viet Cong side, Capt. Norroye said. However, he warned those who think that the attitude is general among the enemy is unrealistic. The North Vietnamese regulars are a hardened foe and the Viet Cong is still a formidable force—merely because they know their own land and its people.

When he brief leave is over here, Capt. Norroye and his little family will be going to live in the Washington, where he will be company commander of a basic training infantry unit.

There, he will develop troops, who may eventually find themselves in the Vietnamese swamps and jungles. If they pay close attention to their battle-hardened training commander, they will learn how to survive against a ruthless foe who is ready to die without ever realizing he has learned to live.



Captain Paul Apfel, [LTC (R) Paul W. Apfel, 2/327 B CO ELT 7/64-7/66] Information Officer and Lieutenant Colonel Garten, [COL(R) Melvin Garten, 2/327 CO 10/65-5/66] with Package number one from the Memphis Inter-City Council. (Photo from the 101st Airborne Division Association "The Screaming Eagle" March - April 1966 issue page 14.)

From: +Paul Apfel <paulapfel@gmail.com>
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 Date: December 29, 2013 at 2:50:57 PM PST
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Ivan,

I noted the news clip on page 24 of the October 2013 issue. As I or someone in the Brigade Info Office apparently wrote the piece during the holidays (we had holidays?) just 48 years ago in 1965, it seems appropriate to recognize and remember it during Christmas-New Years 2013.

You deserve kudos and thanks for your efforts in maintaining and reinforcing the Vietnam memories those of us in the 1st Brigade share. The magazine serves as an unofficial memoir, a bottoms-up view of the brigade and its activities, a view only those of us present during the early days of the brigade's Vietnam experience could fully appreciate.

As you recall, I was the brigade's information officer during the early Vietnam days, having been brought to the brigade staff by then Brigade Commander Colonel Pat Timothy. I was a rifle company commander in 2/327 before that.

In the brigade info office, we had to start our public information and command information activities from scratch. While we endeavored to get our stories to the external media, we also struggled to keep our own troopers informed. The brigade newspaper, which we began as a mimeographed publication served that purpose. As I recall, we named it "The Screaming Eagle." Within a few months, we developed a more conventional broadsheet format and began printing it in Saigon.

When BG Pearson assumed command, he renamed the newspaper "Diplomat and Warrior." I never liked that name for a lot of different reasons, but it stuck. Throughout the remainder of my tenure as the Brigade IO, we kept our troopers informed by telling stories about how their comrades were doing in the war. Some human interest stuff, to be sure. And, we thought it would be useful.

You were my replacement when it was time for me to return to CONUS. As far as I can tell, you continued and enhanced the traditions those of us in the early IO shop started.

I see the magazine as further continuation of that mission.

Keep up the good work.
 ...Paul

Editor's Note: Great to have a message from LTC (R) Paul W. Apfel, 2/327 B CO ELT 7/64-7/66, who was the first Information Officer of the First Brigade (S) in Viet Nam. I first met him when the forward headquarters was located near Cheo Reo and I was new in country. He and Dan Rather were discussing something when I arrived. This was shortly after the helicopter crash that killed a number of people including a brigade chaplain.

First Brigade Tale

+COL(R) Lawrence A. Redmond, 2/327 A 5/67-2/68
a327noslack@aol.com

Ivan; this is part of Chapter 13 from my history/Army auto bio whatever. This is not combat stuff but some interesting vignettes that I experienced in a little over two (2) months at Brigade G1.

This is the third re-write of this portion of my book, *A Dusty Boot Soldier Remembers, Twenty Years of Improbable but True Tales of Uncle Sam's Army*.

The article that appeared in the latest **The Screaming Eagle Magazine** (101st Airborne Division Association, Fall 2013, page 61) is a portion of my tales as a company commander in 1964 with the 1-506. If the entire book is ever published a few organizations may be after me..

Larry, A327NoSlack

Editor's Note: A very interesting story of a Brigade Staff Officer. I look forward to the chapter about Larry Redmond, Company Commander.

Excerpt from *A Dusty Boot Soldier Remembers* Twenty Four Years of Improbable but True Tales of Life in Uncle Sam's Army Chapter 13 - My First Tour in Vietnam, May 1967 to February 1968

In preparation for a year at war, Mary and I along with little Larry returned to the USA and I rented a nice little brick house in a new area of Columbus, Georgia. Mary wanted to spend the year we were separated near Fort Benning. This was an area she was very familiar with; Marga, her sister-in-law, would be there while Mary's brother was also in Vietnam; and it was only 110 miles from Atlanta and her parents. While I was deployed I wrote often. She more than me but I did write as often as I could. I think Mary has saved some or all of those letters.

I do not remember much about my travel over to the war. I left from Travis Air Force Base, California, on a Flying Tigers commercial charter and landed in Cam Rahn Bay. It was a long and very tiring trip. At the replacement facility at Cam Rahn I remember little except it was hot and dirty and we were lectured on the country and the Vietnamese people *ad nauseam*. They promised I would be going to the 101st Airborne First Brigade Separate and they kept that promise.

Phan Rang, the rear Detachment and home base of the Brigade, was just up the road from Cam Rahn Bay and we made the trip there by helicopter. Once at the sprawling Phan Rang base camp I was in-processed and sent to 'P' Training. The P stands for Proficiency. There we were refreshed on weapons, grenades, calling-in artillery, Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army booby traps and lots of other meaningful, life-saving stuff. We also were given additional training on Vietnam, its culture and people. The only person I met in P Training that I remember was Richard Ignatius Porter, known as RIP, or Doc Porter, or the No Slack Quack, as he was later dubbed. We were destined to be assigned to the same battalion and become good friends and remain so to this day.



COL(R) Lawrence A. Redmond, 2/327 A 5/67-2/68, and his wife Mary.

The First Brigade had been nicknamed the Nomads of Vietnam, the Fire Brigade and several other sobriquets. Each name related to the fact that since their arrival in Vietnam they had been sent hither and yon wherever there was a problem and the fighting was intense. The Brigade as a whole had never been back en masse to Phan Rang after they had first established the base camp two years earlier. The unit was on jump status and we received parachute pay but due to the circumstances in a combat zone jumping every three months for pay had been waived.

I got the bad news that I would not be going to a battalion initially but was being assigned as the Brigade Assistant G1 or personnel officer. At the time the Brigade was up in I Corps at a place called Duc Pho. I flew by C-130 from Phan Rang direct to Duc Pho and had a chance to see the Vietnamese countryside. It was truly beautiful but full of bomb craters having been fought over since 1946 when the French failed to stop the Viet Minh from taking over the north.

At Duc Pho I met my new boss, Major Dick Kupau, a Hawaiian, and a great guy to work for. The Brigade Commanding General (CG) was Brigadier General Salve Matheson a WW II paratrooper from the 506th and a great combat leader. He was affectionately known as General Matt. His Deputy Commander was Colonel Oscar Davis. He was another true soldiers' soldier but his language could sometimes be very colorful and intimidating.

The first night there I was invited to attend dinner in the Commanding Generals' mess, along with Major Kupau, who introduced me to the rest of the staff. The mess was in a large tent and pretty rustic as general officer messes went; sort of old school WW II paratrooper hardcore no frills motif. It was an eye-opener watching the ritual in the mess as the General and Oscar worked at humbling the staff for one thing or another. They seemed to get a real kick out of it but some of the recipients were obviously uncomfortable with the repartee. Although done in good fun the banter could make a thin skinned person uncomfortable. Since I was designated to fill in when Major Kupau was not there I determined to be sure to keep a low profile and be prepared to deflect any spears that might come my way. On the first visit, as the new guy, I was required to drink an

“after burner,” aka a burning shot of cognac. I managed to get it all in my mouth in one gulp, and swallowed, quenching the flame and pretending to enjoy the experience. There was another new guy there who fumbled the toss down and spilled flaming cognac on one side of his face. Didn’t really hurt him but he took a lot of ribbing from the other staff members.

After dinner that night I decided to head down to the shower point on a stream not too far from my tent. The shower was not terribly crowded but after a few minutes I noticed this one soldier staring at me as we both washed. Well based on previous experience with the captain in Monterey, California, I was a little uncomfortable with this. After I completed my shower and was getting dressed the man came ambling over with nothing on but a towel. He opened the conversation with, “Excuse me but I think I know you. I am Captain Roland Torer the Brigade Catholic Chaplain and you sure do look familiar.” Good heavens, talk about a small world. I responded, “Oh my God Padre, yes you do know me. You were my Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Peace Church in Columbus, Ohio, about ten years ago.” Father Torer was one hell of a priest and soldier. He medically retired as a full colonel. Years later I visited him in his apartment in D.C. and held his hand as he was dying of cancer.

The job of Assistant S1 was not terribly challenging. Hence I decided to try to win an air medal by flying door gunner on the nightly security flights around the Duc Pho camp perimeter. To earn an air medal you had to spend a certain amount of hours flying in direct support of operations. This was the first and last time I had chased a medal. They never meant that much to me. Later, without trying, I would qualify for a half dozen additional awards of the Air Medal. While at Duc Pho an Army Commendation Medal from the 8th Special Forces Group came in for me. I did not know I had been put in for it.

About a week into my new job Major Kupau called me into his office, at the back of the tent and told me we had a little problem. This comment about having a little problem almost defies description and needs some further explanation. As the Personnel Office we were responsible for Morale and Welfare items in support of the troops. At this point the Brigade had been at Duc Pho for about three weeks. We had relieved the USMC at this base camp and they had moved further north to confront a growing Viet Cong/North Vietnamese Army presence around DaNang and Hue. When the Marines departed they had left us a ‘beer yard’ full of canned beer from various manufacturers. Now in Vietnam at that time every troop in the field was entitled to two beers a day. Problem was they only could get them on resupply day. So woe be to the supply sergeant who did not get the brew to the chopper and hence the field. Major Kupau told me, “Larry, it seems they are having trouble getting beer from our beer yard out to the field on the resupply helicopters. Will you get down there and sort it out.” Well I thought OK, what can be so tough about this. I can straighten this out, no problem.

When I arrived at the beer yard I was shocked. This place was huge, probably an acre and a half in size. Pallets of beer were stacked five and six pallets high and most were falling apart. Cardboard to hold the pallets together and the metal bands to keep the beer neatly contained were either missing, washed away by heavy rain or simply rusted away. Thousands of cans of beer littered the ground. I do not exaggerate there were beer cans everywhere, most still full but rusty and muddy. There was a real danger that moving pallets could cause whole stacks to come crashing down and injure folks. It was certainly a bigger job than a couple of us could handle. The word went out to the battalion rear areas to send help. Initially some of the troops were reluctant to dig into this task but the promise of a blind eye and some extra brew to take back to the unit area soon had a whole lot of hands moving beer cans and forklifts moving pallets. I recall that it took us about three days of slave labor to fix up the yard to the point that it could operate efficiently. I often wondered if our sister service lads had sabotaged the beer point or if they just muddled through somehow and got the beers out to the field by brute force. You have not lived until you have imbibed of a warm Pabst Blue Ribbon or Carlings Black Label from a rusty can in the middle of the jungle, and enjoyed every ounce.

Not long after the ‘battle of the beer yard’ we had another attention getting experience. Just down the beach from the Brigade base camp, was an ammunition point called Task Force Gallagher. It was a huge complex. I was walking back from lunch when there was the loudest explosion I had ever heard. The ground shook and the explosions continued to rumble through the air. I turned and looked toward the sound and saw a huge plume of smoke streaming skyward. It actually resembled a nuclear cloud. The ammo dump was going up. That place blew for two days. It seems a soldier had run a fork lift prong into a pallet of 155 powder charges and set off the fireworks display. Unfortunately his error killed not just himself but several of the other troops at the dump. This site provided all the munitions for the units, to include the Vietnamese Army troops, in the area. Things were a little tight for a while until another ammunition ship arrived and the ammo dump could be re-constituted. The explosions, as I said, went on for over two days and made quite a show at night.

We had one decidedly funny incident that took place over a period of time relating to COL Davis, the Generals’ Mess and the S4 Logistics/Supply team. Finding a topic to harass the staff about was part of the game in the mess as I mentioned earlier. Well the fickle finger of fate moved around from staff section to staff section. One of my friends, the Assistant S4 Logistics Officer Captain John Miller, provided the nightly briefing on logistics status for the Brigade. Our forward support element set up a small ‘forward ice cream plant’ to provide ice cream to the troops. John began briefing the ice cream status at the evening brief. After several days of ice cream statistics COL Davis announced “Oh crap, most of it is milk by the time it gets to the troops.” So John commenced reporting on how many gallons reached the field hard and how many were soft. Well COL Davis, not to be outdone, asked “Well what kind of flavors are we giving the troops?” So John then began briefing the flavors, chocolate and vanilla, as well as the consistency when the ice cream reached the field. After a couple more days the Colonel turned to the S4 and asked why they only had chocolate and vanilla? “Can’t you logistics pukes make some other flavors?” The S4, a really great soldier, turned to him and asked what kind of ice cream the Colonel wanted. Somewhat taken aback by the question Colonel Davis said, “How about pistachio ice cream.” The S4 responded, “Yes sir we will see what we can do.” He turned to Captain Miller who now had the mission without a clue as to how to produce pistachio ice cream. But salvation and solution came from a trooper, as usual.

The very resourceful Specialist Four who ran the Generals’ mess got the mission from Captain Miller to help come up with pistachio ice cream. There were no pistachio nuts to be found anywhere but the mess steward did manage to find some green cake coloring and a can of stale walnuts from God only knows where. He then proceeded to make pistachio from the daily ration of vanilla. The next evening, without comment, the new creation was served at dinner. Colonel Davis upon receiving his portion asked, “What the heck is this?” As he tasted it no one said anything but then he said, “Well I’ll be darned, it is pistachio! How the devil did you guys ever do this?” No one said a word. The harassment over ice cream at the evening briefing ceased. I believe the Colonel did not know pistachio from tutti frutti! We underlings had a laugh on the ‘good Colonel’ and kept the secret. And the story lives on. I am indebted to Lieutenant General John Miller for providing me the full facts concerning this little event.

One day General Matheson called me to his tent and told me he wanted me to go to Saigon to the United States Army Republic of Vietnam G1, Brigadier General Cole. He handed me an envelope and told me to give this to the General, and only the general, and tell him “I want this taken care of NOW.” He provided no further information but being a good soldier I saluted and moved out smartly like Sir Galahad on a quest. Frankly I was bored working the personnel business and the idea of a plane trip over Vietnam was sort of appealing. Getting a look at Saigon, ‘the Paris of the East,’ also sounded interesting. As it turned out I was to see darned little of Saigon on this visit.

I flew first to Phan Rang to our base camp on the scheduled shuttle from Duc Pho. Vietnam, war and all, was still a beautiful country.

At Phan Rang the Rear Echelon M----- F----- (REMF's an acronym best left unexplained for the more delicate readers of this tale. It will appear a few more times in this writing.) set me up for a flight on to Saigon very early the next morning. They then stated that a front line trooper, not so at this point in my tour, needed a night on the town and a chance to unwind. We ate at the on-base dining facility then adjourned to the Officer's Club. It was a major mistake on my part allowing me to be troop-led by these REMF 'heroes.' We drank an awful lot. Nay, we drank way too much. I did not get to bed till about 0200, and got up at 0430, to make the 0500 C-130 flight to Saigon. When I got to the plane, I was not in good shape, and sicker than a dog. I told the crew chief unless he wanted to clean up a very messy airplane he better open the jump door and let me lie next to it. I think the other troops on the plane had a heck of a laugh watching me barf most of the way to Saigon. I was the senior guy on the plane at the time and too darned sick to care or be embarrassed.

After arriving in Saigon, Ton Son Nhut Airbase, I got a lift to the headquarters, which was located not far away at Long Binh. I found the G1 Office and walked in and told the Administrative Assistant that I had an appointment and wanted to see General Cole on behalf of BG Matheson. About that time a booming voice hit me from the side with something like, "Captain you look like hell, come here." I couldn't argue with that comment and turned to see the G1 Sergeant Major eyeing me closely, and it was not a friendly eye. As I turned he read my name tag and in a more subdued tone said, "Are you the same Redmond who commanded C Company 1-506 in 1964 at Campbell?" I responded that, "Yes Sergeant Major that was me." He then said something to the effect "Well my name's Seago and I became First Sergeant of that lash up after you left. I replaced Top Moore. The NCO's told me about you. Hell they thought you were good. You aren't seeing my general looking like that. Come with me." He took me to his hootch out behind the office and told me to undress, lie down, sleep, and when I woke up to come back to the office and he would get me in to see General Cole. When I woke late in the afternoon my uniform had been washed and starched and my boots spit shined. I cleaned up as best I could, dressed and went to the G1 office. The Sergeant Major said, "Well Captain you are a little more presentable and look like the officer the NCO's told me about."

He took me into the Generals' office and I proceeded to fail in my mission. The General read the note from BG Matheson, looked at

the file and calmly said, "Go back and tell Matt that I won't, and can't do this." He resealed the package and handing it back said, "That's all Captain, you're dismissed." Well I was terribly dejected, I had failed. UGH, would rather face a tiger than General Matt with this response. I thanked the Sergeant Major for his help. Between the Choppin Charlie NCOs who apparently liked Lieutenant Redmond, and Sergeant Major Ben Seago my career may well have been saved from the error of my overindulgence.

I started the return sojourn to Duc Pho via Phan Rang. This time I avoided the REMF's, hiding in the BOQ from arrival until departure to Duc Pho. On return I reported my failure to General Matt and his only comment was, "I expected that." To this day I don't know what was in that package.

Shortly after returning to Duc Pho COL Davis, the Deputy Commander called me to his tent and told me that we had an inbound officer who was a personal friend of General Matheson's from the 10th SF Group at Bad Tolz Germany. His name was Captain Othar Shalikashvili. Several days later as I sat at my desk the entrance to the tent was blocked by a rather tall and imposing figure who proceeded down the stairs walked up to my desk and announced in a strong Russian or Eastern European accent, "Captain Shalikashvili reporting for duty." He was an in-country transfer from Special Forces and a recruiting sergeant's dream for a recruiting poster. This officer was great, and we have met off and on since at various reunions. One night over a beer at a gathering in D.C. he asked me if I had been to the "Wall." When I sheepishly answered no, he responded that he also had not been either. I had always feared going and seeing the names of men there that I had led into battle and had been killed. Then he said, "Larry would you go with me tomorrow?" We went the next day and it was a very moving experience. I have returned to the "Wall" every Memorial Day for the last fifteen years and during other visits to Washington.

About this time I received a roster of inbound officers and on that list appeared the name, Buyle, Kenneth, CPT, from the 8th Special Forces Group. I quickly contacted the personnel folks down at Long Binh and requested Ken not be diverted to some other unit. Frankly I saw him as the lever to pry me off staff and out to a line unit. Ken did arrive and actually was my replacement although at that point I had already been reassigned to a battalion when he reached Duc Pho.



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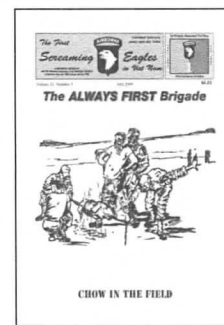
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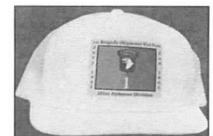
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