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Charlie "Teach" Kankel (who served with the 74th LRP Detachment and N/75th Rangers, 173rd Airborne, in Vietnam), was the guest speaker at a March 1969 Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP) graduation. Charlie took the graduates past lessons learned to the days in the Army when stories had a moral. Charlie's involved birds and bullsh--, in the best possible terms of course, and had them howling in the bleachers as the crowd foreshadowed his punchline.



Following RIP graduation, Charlie Kankel and RIP Detachment First Sergeant Raper get their heels together as the Rangers pass in review. We hope the narration concerning which Ranger Association presents the enlisted honor graduate a James A. Champion Memorial Plaque for our MIA from Texas has been incorporated.



Ranger David Bobo, second from the left standing, sent this photo of some of his K/75th buddies. He wants to know if any of them are now members of the Association, and asks if anyone can recall any of them. Send the information to Jim England, Editor of *Patrolling*, and a K/75 alumni.

Reunion 1990 . . . FRAG ORDER

By the time you receive this issue of *Patrolling* we will be within thirteen months of the second combined LRRP, LRP, and 75th Ranger reunion. We hope to provide you details concerning location and prices in the July-September edition of *Patrolling*. In the meantime save your bread for the next bash.

" T a p s "

Al "Skinny Freddie" Bartz

P/75th and L/75th Rangers

Died June 1, 1989



Team Papa 44, C/75th, at LZ Mary Lou, Kontum, Vietnam, Jan 26, 1969. Kneeling, L-R, SP4 Paul R. Jordan - Point, SP4 Bruce Kocky - Slack. Standing, L-R, SGT Roger L. Roberts - Team Leader, SGT Kerry Flynn - ATL, SP4 Rodger Hunter - RTO. Paul Jordan was KIA after this photo was taken. According to Roger L. Roberts, who provided the photos of Papa 44, Jordan had a premonition of death and insisted on the photo being taken just before the mission.



Team Papa 44, C/75th, survivors, at the Association Reunion 1988. Kneeling, SFC Bruce Kocky. Standing, L-R, Roger Roberts, Kerry Flynn, and Rodger Hunter. Says TL Roger, "I was honored to be the team leader of these fine Rangers, and I'm especially indebted to the 75th Ranger Association for helping to bring Papa 44 together again."

How does it grab you?

By Bob Gilbert

Elite units in the United States Army have always come under fire from those who lack the intestinal fortitude to become part of the elite unit. There is a carefully nurtured arrogance and individualistic character permeating the elite. It has manifested itself in many ways. Special uniforms, headgear, tabs, badges, scarfs, pins . . . you name it, it has been worn at one time or another, both authorized and unauthorized and more often the latter. Some people on and off active duty were appalled at the variety of unorthodox headgear worn by LRRPs and Rangers in Vietnam.

Just for your information (FYI) Change 1, 173rd Airborne Brigade Regulation 670-1, dated 6 December 1966, paragraph 4.b.(7) (Added): LRRP Beret: LRRP personnel are authorized to wear the distinguished olive drab beret with 17th United States Cavalry crest affixed to the background. Other units allowed similar special items of wear. The 173rd Commander was later shown in the Far East Stars & Stripes placing the first Black Berets on the heads of members from N/75th Rangers. Outsiders looked and griped about the unorthodox headgear those LRRPs and Rangers wear . . . I mean who the hell do they think they are? They are in the U.S. Army aren't they? Tch, tch.

From the hallowed halls of a retired Lieutenant Colonel's office came the word that, following Grenada, when all the participating units were going to see the President and be decorated, some rotten spoilsport said, "Hey, what if the President finds out the Ranger Scroll shoulder sleeve insignia the 1st and 2nd Battalions (Ranger), 75th Infantry, wear is not authorized?" Another said, "And you know that no one is authorized to wear a star in their jump wings denoting a combat jump . . . yes, I know they've been doing it since World War II, but what if the President of the United States finds out?" It was no less person than General George C. Marshall who shot down the star in the wings number. NOW! If you were Chief of Staff for the United States Army and some rotten kid whipped all this bad Ranger news on you . . . and you knew the President's cup overfloweth with great deeds of 75th Rangers in Grenada duly reported by the civilians there, do you continue the stuffy, ramrod woof, woof and lallygag, OR, for allowing it to exist and continue unabated, authorize it? Well, now you know the story regarding how, for the first time in U.S. Army history, the Ranger Scroll shoulder sleeve insignia was approved for wear by the Army Chief of Staff, AND, an appropriate change was made to regulations allowing for the wear of a star denoting a combat jump on the parachute badge. MOVE OVER PAUL HARVEY!

*Send us a team photo for publication
Wartime, Peacetime, Anytime
Don't forget names, dates, etc.*

Intell Report . . .

Ranger Steve Castile and his lady Page moved from San Francisco To Rison, Arkansas, following the reunion last year. This is one of the peripheral spinoffs from the association between Steve and Danny Jacks, both former Team Leaders themselves and former members of Bob Pruden's Ranger Team from G/75th.

Pruden, the second Army Ranger to have earned the Medal of Honor in Vietnam, is buried in Minnesota and his family not only participated in the first reunion and plan on future reunions, they visited Danny, Steve, and other family members in Arkansas during the second week of January 1989. After leaving Frisco, Steve and Page purchased a thirty-acre farm with a three-bedroom house, barn, three other structures (we call 'em fence posts in Georgia, Steve) two ponds with fish in them a stand of pine trees with a stream running through them right next to Danny Jack's father's place. Only one eighth of a mile from Danny's place they have been hunting, fishing, and re-killing NVA lately.

Steve reports Rob Wells and Dennis Clevenger CA'ed into Pennsylvania recently, unannounced, reconning for Ranger Tom Radel. They ambushed him in a local beer joint and briefed him on the 75th Ranger Association and reunion last July. We are waiting for Radel's story for Static Line concerning the S-2's refusal to extract his Team, when Radel know they had been compromised, because there had been no contact. (So much for recon patrols, right?) The bad guys got the Team with grenades that night, in the almost exact scenario that L/75th lost an entire Team on May 11th, 1970. The G/75th team survived, however, and were extracted, under fire, with only the flash of hand grenades exploding to guide the chopper through the fog. Steve's wife Page is doing a terrific job writing for the **Cleveland County Gazette**.

Intell

Fred Behrens, Eagle Dustoff, 326 Medical Bn, 101st Abn Div, 50th Medical Bn, (Helicopter Ambulance); Phu Bai Dustoff, 571st; Quang Tri Dustoff: ALL PERSONNEL, 9-13 August, Milwaukee, WI. CONTACT: FRED BEHRENS, 2525 Maidens Road, Powhatan, Virginia 23139, or phone: (804) 598-2868. As you move around, check out the former Dustoff pilots and crews and put them in touch with Fred.

For those who don't know him, Fred Behrens was given a CIB by Rangers of the 101st Airborne during the reunion at Columbus, GA in July, 1988, for his actions while a Dustoff pilot, on the ground for three days with a Ranger Team from L/75th. His copilot, a former Redleg named Roger Madison, used his artillery skills to keep an entrenched North Vietnamese force at bay for two and a half days. The NVA unit was big enough to stop two full Air Cavalry Troops cold and the NVA were being



D/151st Ranger Team, 1968-69. Front row kneeling, L-R, SGT Max Anderson - TL, Dan Crownover - RTO. Back row, L-R, Vietnamese Scout, Roger Moore, Dennis Wood - ATL, and Don Blevins - Point. Photo provided by Max Anderson, Muncie, Indiana.

reinforced by a battalion-sized element when a five-man Ranger reaction force, with Corporal Dave Quigly out front, assaulted through the Air Cav and NVA, reaching CW2 Behrens first.

Roger Madison flies choppers for the Navy now, out of Japan. He missed our reunion because the Navy extended him for a year. Just so it wouldn't be a total loss, Roger got involved in an ancient Japanese sport and became a member of Kamakura Yabusame Group. The only American belonging to it, he has been in training with them for two years. During November, 1988, Roger demonstrated his skills as a modern day Samurai Warrior. The sport involves shooting a bow and arrow at a target while dressed in hunting clothing similar to old Japanese Warrior/Hunters, astride a galloping horse. The sport, originated in 1187 by Minamoto Yoritomo to foster chivalry and valor in warriors selected for the difficult feat of marksmanship, is regarded as a great honor. We'll have to get him hooked up with the 75th Regimental S-2 NCO who is into archery. But who's going to buy him a pony?

Orders and Rosters

A big thank you to Ranger Clyde Tanner who provided Company Rosters, After Action Reports and articles concerning Company F/51st Infantry Long Range Patrol and P/75th Rangers. His contribution resulted in an immediate hookup of twenty more Rangers from P/75th and we are working on locating those F/51st guys who checked out of the net twenty years ago.



Eleven Rangers from C/75th hooked up on February 18, when John L. Rotundo and Don Ericson held an autograph party in Bartlett, IL, for their recently released book *Charlie Rangers*. (L-R) Al "Buzz" Bisantz, Cravis "C.T." Taybron, Vince DiMayo, author Rotundo, Oliver "Hobo" Hoggard, Sam Agner, Richard Rath, Gil "Smokey" Wells, author Erickson, and Tom "T.C." Cunningham. Not shown was Reco Lewis, who arrived later. Rotundo reports that their book is selling well - do you have your copy yet?



Charlie Team Leader Rudy Teodosio, N/75th Rangers, Bong Song, Vietnam, 1971, waiting for extraction. Notice his very practical headband that was usually considered unauthorized in regular units and frowned upon by higher-ups.

Notes on Perimeter Security

Think you are safe and that someone else is awake and standing guard? So did some bad guys who were sitting under a large boulder overhang playing cards, slack jawing and hee-hawing when Mike Team, N/75th, located them at 2030 hours on February 13th about twelve K's west of Bong Son, Vietnam. The Ranger Team initiated contact, killing one and wounding two. Sergeant Gary Bushinger from Sebeka, Minnesota, was the team leader who broke up the card game.

Another lack of perimeter security story occurred just before a Buddhist holiday truce period that was supposed to last from noon Sunday May 9th until noon the following day. Following a hasty ambush near fresh footprints the team continued tracking in the Nui Mieu mountains the following day. A half hour after receiving the "Happy Holidays" message from their CO, the Rangers found a VC way station on a hilltop near the trail. Following a fierce five minute firefight the enemy fled into the jungle leaving their Holiday Meal consisting of fish and rice plus a large cache of ammunition, clothing, and supplies. The Ranger Team was led by SSG Walter Solgalow of Indianapolis, IN, and Sgt Terry Ziegenbien with a SP4 Harriger. Other team members are unknown, all from N/75th Rangers.

So We Hear

Some units in Vietnam decided that Rangers, whose school training consists of about 65% night work, should patrol at night. After all, they were specialists at night movement, right? The jungle is a difficult enough place to move through even during daylight hours. Some places in the jungle at high noon are dark and gloomy, hot and fetid. We have learned that lessons learned during WWII in the Pacific and Vietnam jungles have been forgotten and patrolling is being attempted, at night, in jungles whose geographic location we will not disclose. Since there are different types of jungle we will not go so far as to say you never patrol at night in the jungle. On the other hand, patrolling is a specialty requiring common sense that does not always come with schooling or other educational pursuits. You often learn that experience is the best teacher and it pays to ask a guy who's been there. A good method for patrolling at night is: DON'T UNLESS YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO..., OR, BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE CASUALTIES THAT GO WITH NIGHT MOVEMENT IN THE JUNGLE.

Reunion 1990 . . . be there ! ! ! !



Team 2 Alpha, F/75th Rangers, 25th Div, Cu Chi, Vietnam, Sept. 20, 1970, after a successful ambush mission. Standing, L-R, Roger Allion - ATL, David T. Jordan, and Huynh Vau Roti - Kit Carson. Kneeling, L-R, Roger Winchester, Nick Demongeot - TL, and Len Burnette. Photo provided by Nick Demongeot, taken by a combat photographer.

Airborne Hook-up

The U.S.A. Airborne Fiftieth Anniversary Foundation, Inc. is attempting to raise \$365,850.00 in financial support for the July 1990 celebration in Washington, D.C. The funds are reported to be necessary planning and administrative costs. To recognize those who are able to assist, the Foundation has designed parachute wings with the 50th Anniversary logo replacing the parachute. Donors of \$50.00 will receive novice wings, a \$500.00 hitter will receive Senior wings and anyone donating \$5000.00 or more receives Master wings. The Foundation developed a plan for payments over a time period for those wishing to participate. After enclosing your check or money order advise them of your payment plan which will begin in March 1989 and end with the February 1990 payment. Interested parties should contact: Ivan G. Worrell, Chairman, Development Committee, U.S.A. Airborne Fiftieth Anniversary Foundation, P.O. Box 345, Sweetwater, TN 37874. NOTE: The 75th Ranger Regiment Association is cognizant that this is a legitimate endeavor on the part of the 50 years of the Airborne Committee; however, the Association is taking no position for or against the raising of these funds. In addition, at the Association's first business meeting during July, 1988, a vote was taken to determine if the 75th Ranger Association desired to participate in the Fiftieth Anniversary Airborne celebration. The vote was one in favor and all other desiring to hold our second reunion separately during 1990.

Ranger Mischief

Over the past Easter holidays and without trying, two old Ranger buddies created a scene a lot of people won't forget for awhile. Former F/51st and P/75th LRRPs and Rangers Rick Auten and Frank Majka got together in Spring Run, Pa. While enjoying an Easter morning breakfast of the type they were unaccustomed to in Vietnam these two reminiscing Rangers heard a ruckus in the peaceful valley outside. It seems a former and very disgruntled spouse learned the two of them were breaking bread and called the State Police. Not bad so far, but her imagination apparently took leave of her capacity for forthrightness. She told the State Troopers the two Rangers had taken hostages. While consuming breakfast, the Rangers suddenly observed SWAT Teams, Police and a beucoup of both types plus a helicopter that were in their AO. Fortunately, a State Trooper who is a former Vietnam Vet pulled into the driveway and talked to Rick and Frank. Following a thorough search of the house the weapons cache they located consisted of Rick's son's BB gun. There are many residents in the valley ticked off because the police cordoned the area off, prohibiting people from visiting relatives on a sunny Easter morning. The Rangers, about to split a gut, refer to the episode as, "The great Amberson Rd. non-hostage, non-shootout Easter Sunday Fiasco."

In another not-so-funny situation quite similar, and ex-wife called in a similar hostage report about an armed LRRP from F/58th and he nearly bought it all . . . the nuthouse route.



Kilo Team, N/75th Rangers, 173rd Airborne, at LZ English in late '69 or early '70. Back row, L-R, James Andrews ATL, James Nutter RTO, Tom Ecoff TL. Front row left, Hal Sherman Scout. The last guy, on the front right, was only on the team a short time and I (Nutter) can't recall his name.

Mail Call . . .

Dear Association:

I read your Dec 1988 **Patrolling**, and was very impressed that CPT Lash named the new wing of his barracks the "Pruden Wing."

I also served with E/51st LRRP, later to be G/75th Rangers, in 1968-69.

I enjoy reading **Patrolling**. Sincerely, Ben Thomas, 3105 Three Bridge Rd, Powhatan, VA 23139.

Dear Association:

We received a lengthy letter from Phillip P. Lockett, 8 Third Avenue, Kingsland, Auckland, 3, New Zealand. Phillip never served with the Rangers or LRRPs, but rather collects patches and other insignia and currently has a collection of over 450.

If anyone out there is also a collector you might want to drop Phillip a line - I'm sure he would also be interested in acquiring additional Ranger patches. Thank you, **The Editor**.

Dear Fellow Rangers:

I have a VCR tape which was transferred from 8mm film taken during my tour in 'Nam, Steve Woodson (or others) might be interested in getting a copy.

Besides not seeing all of the POWs come back, my second biggest regret was not being at the Association Reunion. I'll make the next insertion.

After just paying my taxes and feeling down I received in the mail my latest issue of **Patrolling**, and realized how much wealth I have. That wealth is "**pride**" that lasts a lifetime, knowing I was with the best in overall performance - **Rangers!** Talk with ya later, Fred White, 4301 La Sierra Ave. #6, Riverside, CA 92505.

Editor's Note:

Fred also sent us a copy of an article about C/75th published in First Field Force magazine, November 1969. Unfortunately, room is not available to publish it at this time - maybe we can work it in later.

We also received a II Field Force magazine from Max Anderson, D/151st, and will try and extract a story from it for a later issue.

If you send us pictures, articles, and other items, be patient - it will take time to work them in. Please send copies instead of originals if at all possible.

Christmas Present

Ranger Tak Hom C/75th Vietnam forwarded two checks to the Association for a total of \$215.00 he acquired from co-workers at the Verranzano Narrows Bridge and Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, New York. In addition, he solicited an additional \$20.00 check from the New York Sergeants and Lieutenants Benevolent Association. Tak, his lovely wife Kathy, two sons and an nephew made the first reunion and we

are looking forward to seeing these nice people again. Thanks Tak.

We are being asked "is the monument fund deductible for tax purposes?" Absolutely. Any donations you make to the 75th Ranger Regiment Association are tax deductible. Information concerning that is a permanent part of your newsletter, including the number the IRS provided us. While we are on that subject, your response to renewals has been just great. More than 50% were able to make additional contributions for one or more of our projects such as the Plaque Fund, the Long Range Patrol Monument, or the fledgling guidon/flag fund. Thanks to those of you who were able to do that and we hope the situation for the others who are unable to do so at this time improves soonest.

In what is called the SRAO Round Robinette, Red Cross Donut Dolly Rosemary Schwoebel (101st) wrote a three-column overview of the 1988 reunion at Columbus, Georgia, and noted our support, through a display, for the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project. We are delighted that the Red Cross ladies who came enjoyed the reunion with their families but even better was learning that the LRRPs and Rangers had repeatedly thanked those ladies for their service in Vietnam and told them what a difference their presence made.

Ranger/LRRP Headgear

As PFC George L. Miller stood at rigid attention, bareheaded in front of his company formation, two large hands belonging to the Commanding General of the 173rd Airborne Bde gently placed the Black Beret on the head of Miller. Following a command issued to the remainder of the Rangers they replaced their former headgear with black berets.

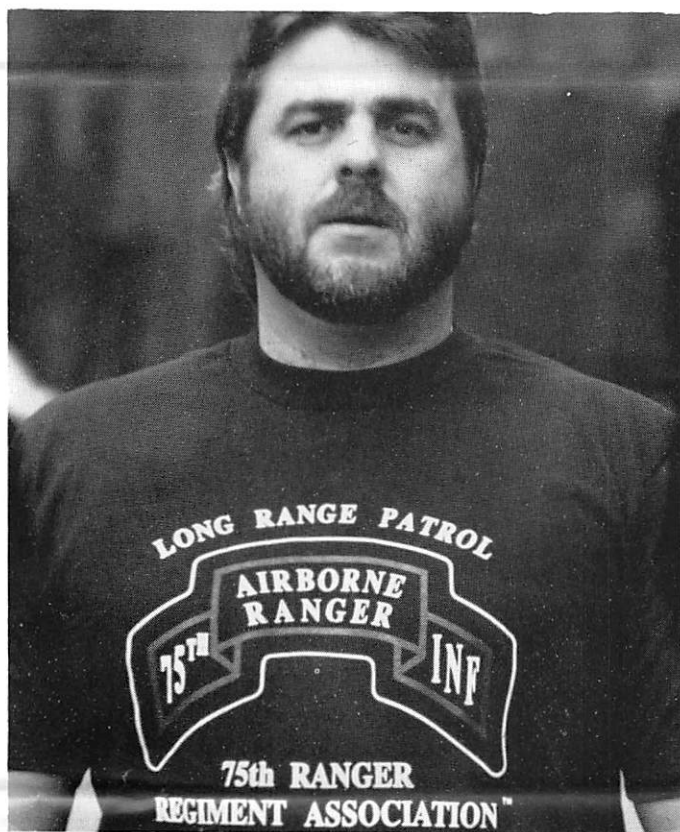


Rudy Teodosio (L) and Easy Team Leader SSG Rocky Houser, both of N/75th Rangers. Rudy is assigned to Co. B, 3rd Bn., 1st Special Forces Group, Ft. Lewis, WA 98433, for any of his former buddies who want to write.

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Keeping up with the Prez . . .



Association President Billy J. Nix, models an Association T-Shirt. These are heavy duty cotton with reinforced seams. Billy recently ordered more, and can now obtain them in lots of 25 by size. Those in use since July 1988 show no signs of fading or cracking like cheaper T-Shirts. A member recently called from Arkansas advising his looked brand new. The Assn. logo is a registered trademark designed by Don Lynch, a computer graphics specialist who served with F/58th Inf LRP. To obtain one or more T-Shirts for yourself, girlfriend, family members, or friends write Billy at P.O. Box 670174, Marietta, GA 30066. Cost: \$10.00 each plus \$3.00 for mailing. Don't be caught anywhere without one if you're an Airborne Ranger. Show your colors!



Operational Detachment (ODA)-184 MFF, at Camp Nam Phung, Thailand, in Nov 1987. Front row, L-R, SSG Wade, MSG Teodosio N/75 Rangers, CW2 Petersen, SSG Ferguson, SSG Friedrich. Back row, L-R, SSG Stewart, SSG Riley, SFC Woods, and SSG Gibson.

Can you top this?

West of LZ Crystal on July 3, 1971, while preparing to celebrate the 4th of July Ranger style, with Claymores, Team Alpha, N/75th Rangers, 173rd Airborne Brigade, on radio relay for a Team further out and out of radio range detected movement near a Claymore and blew it.

Team members, according to a Firebase 173 report, were Sgt. Carl Millender of New Orleans, RTO Herbert Baugh of Austin, Texas, PFC Jimmy Akuna (look where he is now) of Wahiawa, Hawaii, SP4 Allen Lohmann of New York and Specialist Joseph Tompkins of Chelsea, Mass.

SP4 Eddie Campbell of Minerva, Ohio stood guard for them when they emplaced the Claymore mines. The silence following the blast was deafening and nerves were pulling taut in the silence of the jungle. Muscles tense, the Rangers waited until they believed it was safe to check the killing zone. The Firebase 173 report quotes, "Rangers get 140 pound Pussy." Sure enough, in the killing zone was a 140 pound leopard.

Suddenly someone recalled that leopards travel in pairs and the Rangers withdrew to their night defensive position figuring the other one would smell its dead mate and seek revenge. Following a sleepless night N/75th Rangers reconned the area around the NDP and, not far from their perimeter, found tracks of a second leopard. Calling for an extraction ship, the team headed for LZ English. We highlighted a photo of that pussycat in an earlier edition of **Patrolling**.

From the Editor's Desk

I am receiving letters, photos, and phone calls from far and wide - if I haven't answered yours, it's not because I don't want to. Time and cost both make it difficult.

For those sending photos, please don't send your originals - have a print made to send. I would hate for one to be lost in the mail, or ruined. Especially since most of them can't be replaced.

Please remember that we have limited space each issue and it may take awhile to work your photos in, but we'll do it. If for some reason your photo, article, or other input can't be used I'll give you a call as to why - no news is good news!

Well, after three years of full-time study I have finally completed a bachelor of science degree, majoring in secondary education - history. Just to toot my own horn, I was the top secondary education graduate, graduated cum laude, won the top student award for 1987-88, made Who's Who, etc. Not bad for a guy that dropped out of high school to become a soldier in 1967. As a retired master sergeant I made a point of wearing my Ranger "colors" regularly - cammies with lots of patches.

Hopefully by the next issue I will have my production problems worked out and we can get this out in a more timely manner. Ranger!



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