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## Holiday Greetings

### Reunion 1990 Update

Our 1990 Second National Reunion is coming into sight, July 12-15. Current plans call for the reunion to be held at the Colorado Springs, Colorado, Marriott Hotel. Full details will be published in the next issue. In the mean time, if you live in that area and can provide **any** help at all organizing please contact our Association President, Billy Nix.

### Association Update

It's that time of the year again: Christmas, Hanukkah, New Years, and **membership renewal**. On behalf of the Association Officers **Patrolling** would like to wish everyone the happiest of holidays and a very bright and prosperous new year. And, don't forget to send your membership renewal in promptly when you receive it.

### " T A P S "

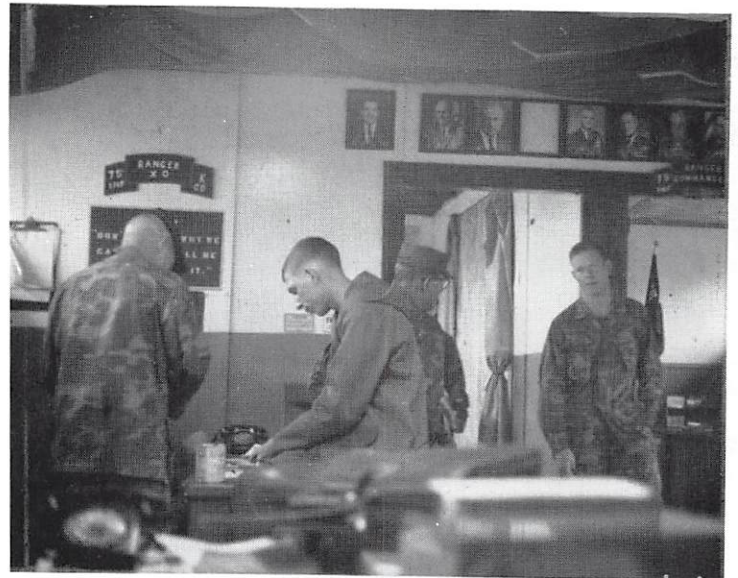
*Douglas K. "Watermelon Man" Albright*

*H/75th Rangers*

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*First Sergeant Arthur Scofi*

*C/75th Rangers and Ranger Instructor*



**From Thomas N. Sove, K/75th:** Thomas sent along a few photos from his time in K/75th. The one above features me, Jim England the editor, helping count MPC on the date the series was changed. That's me in the rain jacket, I was a SSG at the time. To the left is 1SG Carroll J. Richards, to the right the company XO LT Anderson, and the far right LT Urbane Cochrane (spelling may be wrong) the company operations officer. October 1970, in Khe, Vietnam. Tom can be contacted at 209-951-7961, 7222 Alexander Place, Stockton, CA 95207.

*When you write Patrolling, let us know whether or not we can publish your address. If you want other members to look you up pass on your address and phone number.*

## Taps, for Ranger Arthur Scofi, C/75th Rangers

Retired First Sergeant Arthur Scofi, age 51, of Georgia was buried with full military honors at the Fort Benning Cemetery recently after losing a battle with cancer.

Rangers will remember Scofi as an excellent instructor with the Benning Ranger Committee (BRC) for many years. He was a combat Ranger veteran with C/75th Rangers in Vietnam.

Former Ranger instructors, most of whom served in either the Long Range Patrol units or the 75th Rangers in Vietnam, gathered to pay their final respects for a fine soldier and person.

From the active duty and retiree ranks were CSM Don Purdy, F/75th and Regiment; CSM Fred Weekly, D/75th, F/75th, and Ranger School; CSM Gary Cupit,

74th LRP, N/75th, the Regiment, and Ranger School; SGM Fred Sheperd, Ranger Instructor, triple-CIB winner, and two-time WWII combat jumper; SGM Don Hart, F/75th and Ranger School; CSM Bob Gilbert, L/75th and Ranger School; SGM Riddle, Ranger School; MSG M. "Davey" Lockett, F/52nd LRP, L/75th, and Ranger School; 1SG Bill Brayman, Ranger School 1950, Ranger Instructor, and Vietnamese Ranger Advisor; 1SG Vince Antonich, Ranger School; 1SG Ron Brinker, C/75th, Ranger School; MSG Aubrey Batts, L/75th and Ranger School; MSG Vernon Harris, Ranger School; SFC Jim Burton, Ranger School; SFC Charlie Craft, Ranger School; and, SSG Billy Bratton, Ranger School.

The Ranger veterans were a part of a very large gathering of family and friends of Art Scofi.

Farewell Ranger Scofi. . . . .

## From Udo Taring, N/75th Rangers

A new exhibit opened at Fort Campbell's Don F. Pratt Museum this past summer. The new display contains virtually every patch worn by Army soldiers from 1941 to 1980, according to Fort Campbell's Courier. The collection was donated to the museum May 5, 1989, by Lt. Col. Dana Kwist - he's been collecting them since he was ten-years old.

An interesting part of the exhibit includes six yellow, white, and red Airborne-Ranger scrolls above unit patches. These are probably Korean War era Ranger Company patches, as the numerical designation and attached units match those of the Korean War.

The display also includes the Vietnam Airborne Ranger scrolls, the Ranger Battalions, and some of the LRP units.

The museum hours are 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Saturday, and 12:30 - 4:40 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free.

## Intell Needed

**Does anyone recall a Joseph Dionne, L/75th, circa Summer 1970 to deactivation?**

**LRP/LRRP/RANGER MOH/DSC Recipients.** We are trying to compile a list of DSC awardees who received the award while assigned to a LRP/LRRP/Ranger unit, or who served with a LRP/LRRP/Ranger and were awarded a MOH or DSC while with another unit.

**Those Who Gave Their All.** We would like to compile a register of those LRP/LRRPs/Rangers who were killed in action during the Vietnam War, or who died later as a result of wounds from War. This will be a tough one, in more ways than one, but it needs to be done.

Drop the editor of **Patrolling** a note with any of the information you can provide - thanks in advance.



*From Udo Taring, N/75th: Part of the Airborne-Ranger segment of the Krist Collection of unit shoulder sleeve insignia on display at the Don F. Pratt Museum, Ft. Campbell, KY.*

*Team 17, L/75th: Two changes are in order for last issues' photo of this team. (1) Bill Marcy was incorrectly identified as Bill Marry. (2) The unidentified team member in the bottom left corner of the photo has been identified as Doug Becker from Australia, NY.*

*Welcome to Our World*

*John Franklin Puzzo*

*6 pounds, 9 ounces, November 20*

*John (K/75th) and Anne Puzzo*



# James A. Champion (MIA) Memorial

## Award Winners

The following enlisted men were named honor graduates of the Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP) and received the **James A. Champion (MIA) Memorial Award** for the class indicated. Any winners listed who did not receive their plaque should contact Association President Billy J. Nix.

Class 1-89, PV1 James R. Merrill, 2/75th Rangers  
Class 2-89, SP4 Michael J. Paulk, HHC 75th Rangers  
Class 2-89, SP4 Charles R. Kraus, 1/75th Rangers  
Class 3-89, PFC Len A. Cripe, 1/75th Rangers  
Class 3-89, PV1 Joseph D. Newell, 3/75th Rangers  
Class 4-89, PV1 Brian S. Smith, 3/75th Rangers  
Class 5-89, PFC Charles E. Getz, Jr., 1/75th Rangers  
Class 6-89, PFC David P. Mackley, 3/75th Rangers  
Class 7-89, PV2 Patrick P. Stobbe, 3/75th Rangers  
Class 8-89, PV1 Brian T. Hart, 2/75th Rangers  
Class 9-89, PFC Serge Litkewitsch, 1/75th Rangers  
Class 10-89, PFC James J. McCann, 2/75th Rangers  
Class 11-89, PV1 Ricky Snedeker, 2/75th Rangers  
Class 12-89, SP4 John J. Gainer, 2/75th Rangers  
Class 13-89, PV1 Stephen L. Mackey, 1/75th Rangers  
Class 14-89, PV2 Christopher Yamont, 1/75th Rangers  
Class 15-89, SP4 Paul L. Kirk, 2/75th Rangers

Super effort ! ! ! !

## K/75th and G/75th Rangers Intell

The K/75th photo published on the front page of the June '89 issue of **Patrolling** has continued to bring responses.

Jerry Ciocanti, G/75th, wrote because he recognized John Martin, front row sitting, second from the left. Seems Jerry served with John after he was transferred to G/75th from K/75th.

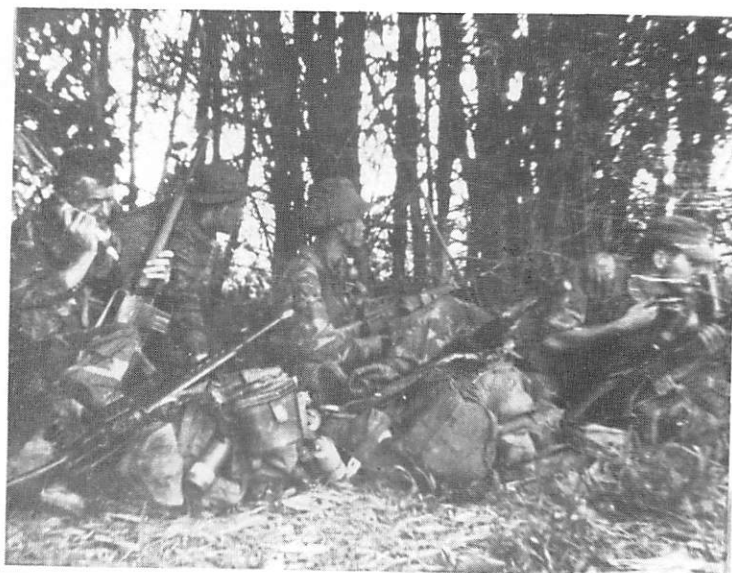
John Martin, K/75th, also called to let us know who he was along with providing the names of some of the other guys. A new name he offered was Ron Acquire, standing fourth from left.

Well, that only leaves three unknowns - not bad guys . . . now, who are the other three . . .

## From Duke Dushane, P/75th Rangers

Seems Duke received a letter sometime back from a young boy named Daniel George Sanche. Seems Daniel is looking for Paratrooper, Ranger, and Special Forces patches and insignia for a collection he is starting. If you have any extras floating around you might want to contact him.

Daniel was really tickled, and proud, to hear back personally from a real Ranger. If you're interested, write Daniel at 18711 E. Arrow Highway #13, Covina, CA 91722.

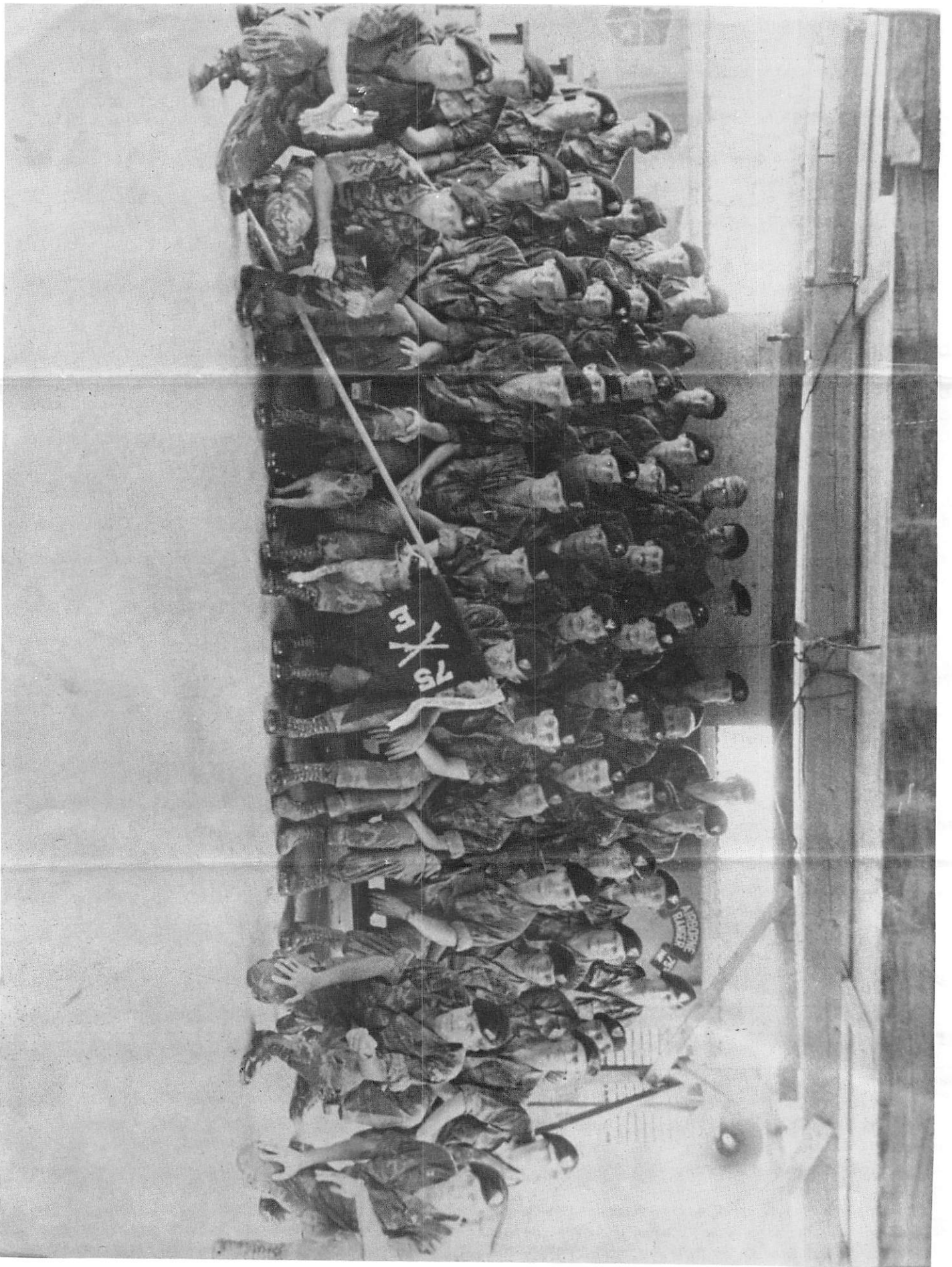


*From Gary D. Ford, F/51st LRP: (Top photo) Team 4/4, F/51st LRP, Cu Chi, Oct 68, (l-r, standing) Keith O. Morris, William Walsh, Jr., Gary D. Ford (SGT/TL), (l-r, kneeling) Danny Arvo and Bill Trenum. (Bottom photo, l-r) Oct. 12, 1968, Bill Walsh, ARVN, Danny Arvo, and Mark Eastman. Gary can be reached at 2001 S. Country Club #2004, El Reno, OK 73036.*

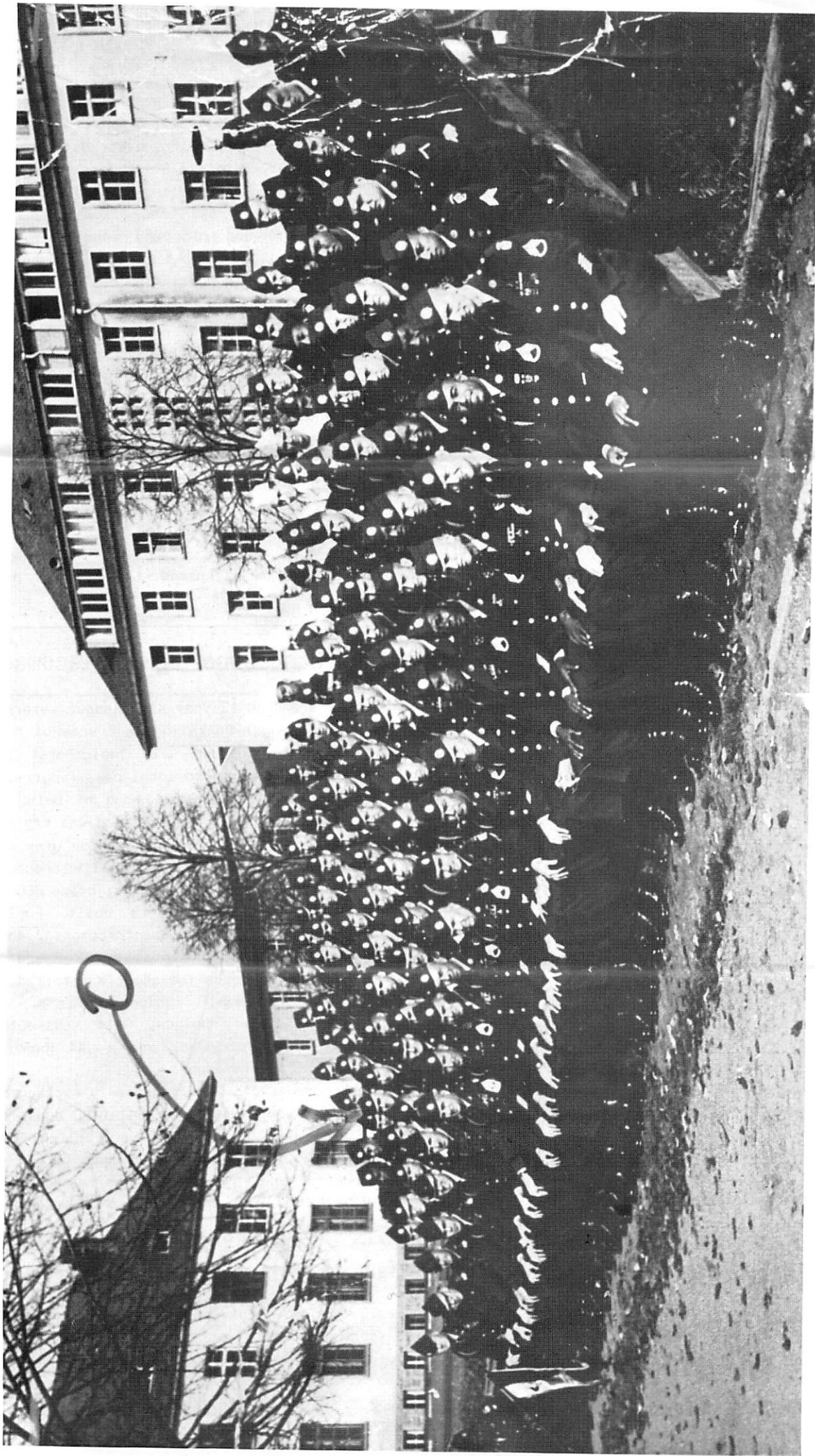
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*From James Norgard, E/75th: Members of E/75th Rangers, 9th Infantry Division, take time out for a unit photo.*







**From Richard Herman, D/17th LRP:** Members of D/17th LRP pose for a unit photo around 1965. Originally organized as one of two provisional LRRP test units formed in 1958, D/17th was officially activated as the 3779 U.S. Army LRRP Company (Airborne) July 15, 1961, at Wildflecken, West Germany. Historically, this was the **first** official LRP unit in the U.S. Army. Assigned to Seventh Army and attached to V Corps for operational use, the unit was eventually moved to the Frankfurt area January, 1963, and redesignated Co. D (LRP), 17th Infantry on May 15, 1965. D/17th was relocated to Ft. Benning, GA, in 1968 as part of a troop reduction agreement. On February 1, 1969, the unit was redesignated Co. A (Ranger), 75th Infantry, along with the Army's other LRP units. In 1970, A/75th was relocated to Ft. Hood, TX, where it was eventually assigned to the 1st Cav. In late 1974, A/75th would form part of the nucleus of the newly activated 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Infantry.

## Intell from the "Doo-Dah Plantation

Fourteen Vietnam Rangers from D, F, I, K, L, N, & P companies hooked up for a BBQ Saturday, October 28, 1989, in Columbus, GA. The group enjoyed BBQ chicken and ribs, chili, macaroni salad, BBQ bread, pickles, and deviled eggs.

The group welcomed Lobo Bates, L/75th, who was on standdown from Pathfinder School. Lobo is currently assigned to Co. A, 1st Bn, 1st Special Forces Group (Okinawa).

Lobo served as a team leader with L/75th, earning the nickname "Contact Bates" after 35 consecutive contacts during reconnaissance missions.

Lobo, Mike Plunkett, and Bill Young also stopped by the "Doo-Dah" Plantation November 4, to look through the reunion photos.

Jim England, K/75th, has the reunion photos and ads now and is working on putting together the reunion book. Duke Dushane, P/75th, is doing the artwork for the cover and a few other things for the book.

We guarantee you'll like this first national LRP and 75th Ranger Association momento when its completed. Everyone who took out an ad will automatically receive one free of charge. Yeah, we're slow, but then we work cheap . . . .

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## From John L. Buford, F/58th LRP (101st Abn)

October 14, 1989, the Georgia Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association received its formal charter. Ivan Worrell, Executive Secretary of the National Association attended the meeting and made the presentation.

Among the members in attendance were veterans of WWII who jumped in to Normandy and Holland, veterans who served with the Division in Vietnam, and those who were with the Division at Fort Campbell, KY.

Membership is open to all past active duty members of the Division who served from 1942 - 1947 and from 1958 to present. Including those veterans who served with F/58th LRP and L/75th Rangers.

For more information call me, John Buford, at 1-800-334-0890, or drop me a line at P.O. Box 403, Marietta, GA 30061.

## From Bill "Ickabod" Bullew, K/75th Rangers

"Ickabod" sent me (the Editor) some photocopies of K/75th Team R-24, circa April 1970, unfortunately the quality wouldn't work for printing here. But, not to be completely left out, here's a brief description:

SSG Schur and "Ickabod" are shown sitting in the bed of what looks like a 3/4 ton. "Ickabod's" in Tigers with a CAR-15 and ruck and appears to be headed out for a mission - looks to clean to be on his way back from one. Schur's in the background, in plain jungles and black beret and no weapon. He was an instructor at the time.

Next was a photo of Victor "Dinky Dow" Dalton, laid back relaxing in the shade - apparently waiting to head out, in cammies and face paint.

Then, a photo of SSG Ed "Spiderman" Webb, standing next to a basecamp hooch, who appears to be wearing four or five days of fresh bush funk.

And finally, Leslie "Willie" Williams, alumnus of both K and L/75th, laid back taking five in the bush. Sweatband, glasses, bush-funk, and a serious tired look.

Now, how did the nicknames "Dinky Dow" and "Ickabod" come about anyway?

## Rangers vs Gang Shootout in Tacoma

This past September found 12-year Army Ranger veteran William Foulk, 2nd Ranger Battalion, and some of his Ranger buddies in a shootout with "neighbors" in Tacoma, Washington, according to local news reports.

Seems Foulk suspected a local home of being a hangout from drug dealing gang members and was trying to get them moved out of the area. Tension grew as Foulk filmed their activities, and finally reached the boiling point during a backyard "anti-crime BBQ."

The night of the BBQ tensions built, Foulk called in some of his buddies as reinforcements, and finally shooting broke out. A total of 12 Rangers were involved in the fray once the shooting started.

The Rangers' armament included an AR-15 semi-auto rifle, 12-gauge shotgun, M-14 semi-auto rifle, eight semi-auto handguns, and a .44 Magnum revolver; all of which were legal.

Over two-hundred shots were supposedly exchanged when the suspected gang members and drug dealers attacked Foulk's home. While no one was hit, some homes and cars sustained damage from the gun fire.

Two suspected gang members were arrested for their involvement and the Rangers were ordered to stay away, unless they lived there. Hard feelings remain, and the situation is reportedly far from over although both sides have agreed to a ceasefire.

While a "hooah!" is in order for protecting their homes, we do have to wonder: Was everyone just trying to scare each other, or is everyone in need of some range time? Seriously though, we wish the Tacoma "Ash Street Rangers" the best and hope their neighborhood returns to normal soon.

## News from the Regiment

December 1, 1989, marked the formation of a new echelon of command and control for the Regiment, and a milestone in the evolution of Army Special Operations Forces. On that date, a new Major Army Command (MACOM) was activated at Fort Bragg, NC.

In a combined ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Memorial Plaza, the Army promoted Major General Gary E. Luck to Lieutenant General, activated the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (Airborne), and then handed over command of the new MACOM to LTG Luck.

General Carl E. Vuono, Chief of Staff of the Army; and General James J. Lindsay, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Special Operations command (USSOCOM), participated in the ceremony and shared the honors of promoting Luck.

The new command also sports a new bright red and black insignia. The new insignia shows a stylized spearhead, alluding to insignia worn by the First Special Service Force. An unsheathed black dagger symbolizes total military preparedness, long associated with Army special operations forces.

Command Sergeant Major Ronnie Strahan has the honor of being the Command's first CSM, while Brig. Gen. William F. Garrison is serving as the Deputy Commanding General.



*Dan Roberts, L/75th: Personalized license plate, "DIDI-MAU."*

## Reflections, by Bob Gilbert

Does anyone recall that:

- Before the last Space Shuttle mission;
- Before Voyager orbited Neptune;
- Before the Colombian Drug Cartel came under fire;
- Before the 1989 1st Ranger Battalion Ball; that,

A political prisoner of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV, a.k.a. North Vietnam), a Japanese Monk who also happened to be a former city councilman from the Island of Hokkaido, Japan, named YOSHIDA was released from a Hanoi prison during January 1989?

What is interesting here is how quickly the American media can divert public attention elsewhere, particularly when there is a story worth telling by Yoshida.

Have you forgotten the CBS, ABC, and NBC commentators coming on the air, breathlessly telling about a Japanese Monk being released from a DRV prison who claimed to have been held captive with or was aware of about a half-dozen Americans being held captive at the same prison?

Where is the followup on the story, all you breast-beating First Amendment Wimps of the major media? The DRV denied the accusations of Yoshida. What else is new?

Our own State Department has been, from the outset, somewhat silent . . . some call it stonewalling. The last we heard on the national media was that Yoshida was being examined someplace

for physical and/or mental problems.

A couple of issues back we asked you to write to Ted Koppel of "Nightline" fame and ask if he would highlight the POW/MIA issue. How many of you sat on your hands figuring someone else would do that, . . . you know, the old "let George do it," syndrome?

Well, we are going to ask you to do something again. This time get off your second point of contact (for the non-jumper Rangers that's your butt).

Nearly 1½ years ago following a two year inquiry that took me from Japan to Canada and around the United States I had more unanswered questions than when I began concerning a Ranger MIA.

Look in your phone book or call your local newspaper and get the phone number of your Congressman and Senators. Then ask this one simple question, maybe two:

What, if anything, has the Defense Intelligence Agency done concerning Ranger James A. Champion, MIA, Company L (Ranger), 75th Infantry, since receiving new information in April 1988?

What, if anything, has been learned concerning the truthfulness or accuracy of Yoshida's claim to having been imprisoned in Hanoi with Americans?

*"Truth is not only violated by falsehood;  
it may be equally violated by silence."*

*Amiel*

*"The greatest homage we can pay to truth  
is to use it."*

*Emerson*



## Questions?

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