LETTERS
I have enjoyed being a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment Assn. and receiving the newsletter. I have seen a few old friends and read some of the comments. After reading the September edition of PATROLLING, I can tell there is a conflict about who is qualified to be a Ranger. I would like to know if the men who served in Ranger units in Vietnam are Qualified Rangers or if they are not recognized because they did not attend the Ranger School at Ft. Benning. I served with F/51 Inf. as a team leader from the day it started till its last day, then transferred to D/151 Rangers as a team leader and instructor. After the D/151 went home I transferred to D/75 Rangers as a team leader and spent 33 months in country. If I am not a Rooting, Tooting, Sixty Shooting, Frag Throwing, Claymore Blowing, M79 popping, VC Stomping Ranger, then its time we do something about it. (Editors note: We are working on it Don, in our minds all of the LRRP/LRP/RANGER members are "RANGERS"

UTAH VETERANS MEMORIAL
I had the honor and pleasure of visiting the Utah Veterans Memorial in Salt Lake City prior to our reunion (1990). I was totally impressed by the layout and more so with the dedication of Jim Slade N/75 & 74th LRP. Jim was the catalyst and fund raiser for the project. He took a year off of work to battle with the bureaucracy of the state government and the apathy of the business men and corporations in Utah. Through his fund raising efforts, $231,000.00 was acquired and the memorial was built. Jim’s perseverance and dedication has always impressed me. I was his team leader in Vietnam and I am as proud of him now as I was then. Roy Boatman N/75

F/51st (LRP) UNIT REPRESENTATIVE
Bob Gilbert contacted me reference the ARF proposal and provided a copy of their 52 page rules for order. Not having sufficient time to contact all of our members, I had to give what I felt would be the best advice possible. Their rules would have in effect regulated LRP’s to a position as second class members. We don’t count cause we were not in an actual Ranger unit, that they recognize at least. Most of our guys never went to Ranger School and it isn’t real clear if any of the various Ranger companies that were formed from the LRP’s fit their criteria. It is my humble opinion that while there were some very highly trained special units in Vietnam, LRP’s were probably some of the best, particularly when it is considered most of our training was On the Job. I’m not about to let us be subservient to anyone. Any complaints? Gary Ford F/51

G/75 RANGERS
We all appreciate the great work that ya’ll are doing. We are having some very good luck lately in finding Company "G" people. Our main "people finder" is: Robert Parker G/75. During the past three weeks he has found 140 people just using their social security number. We now have about 300 "GOOD" addresses for G/75 people.

Gary Gentry (AKA BUFFALO) Editors Note: G/75 has been doing some very fine work with organizational expertise that we all could learn something from

F/51st MOVIE
It may be of interest to let you know that I have written a novel about F/51 (LRP) from 1967 to 1968. A writer named, Walter H. Davis, in Hollywood who wrote the recent TV movie "Last Flight Out Of Saigon", is assisting me to put the project into a movie script. Anyone interested in assisting please feel free to call or write me. You guys keep up the excellent work of keeping us RANGERS in contact with one another. Don C. Hall, F/51 (Write or Call at the address below)
1380 - 156th Ave. N.E. #265, Bellevue, WA 98007
Phone # 206-889-9184

RANGERS
LEAD THE WAY

For those who fought for it, freedom has a taste that the protected will never know.

Woe to the statesman whose objectives are not as clear in the end as in the beginning.

The above statements are engraved on the walls of the memorial and are as appropriate now as then.
RANGER INTERVIEW

The selection of personnel to the LRP/RANGER Companies required the individual soldier to be a volunteer and prove that he could cut the mustard (Combat). The selection process generally required that the volunteer be interviewed by the Commanding Officer. On one such occasion I witnessed this process in detail. A team had tripped a 155 booby trapped round and all of the team was either wounded or dead. The CO, Dick James, called three of us to recover the team from the patrol area. The area was heavy foliaged and the trees had some of those giant thorns we are all familiar with. Dick James ripped his arm on the thorns (a deep and long gash) while carrying a man with a major head wound. Dick was now covered with the blood of the wounded man and his own from the gashed arm. Upon returning to the company area the First Sergeant had the new volunteers sitting in Captain James hooch for the interview (SOP). Dick was visibly upset with the loss of the people on the team and threw his CAR 15 on the bed and hollered some very explicit adjectives. Turning to the volunteers, one of them asked in a quivering voice “is every day like this”, Dick seeing his chance to weed out the weak at heart simply said, “YES”. Three of the volunteers immediately ran from the hooch, never to be seen again. Dick didn’t need to ask those remaining anything, they had passed the interview without any questions asked. The three who remained, Herman, Echhoff and Andrews became members of KILO Team, N/75th Rangers.

VA CLAIM VALIDATION

Michael Warner C/75 is looking for Tak Hom, Tommy Wong, Hank Nania, Daryl Benton to substantiate a VA Claim. He can be contacted at: 2226 Fulham Ct, Houston, TX 77063.

E/50 (LRP)

I served as a team leader with E/50 (LRP), 9th Div in 1968. We ran missions out of Nha Be, Dong Tam, Bear Cat and I’m sure a number of other locations that I have long forgotten. Over the past few years a number of former E/50 (LRP)’s have had our own get together. I would very much enjoy hearing from any former E/50 vets that were in Vietnam in 1968. Feel free to publish this in your excellent newsletter. Bruce Sartwell 6 Roy St, Concord NH, 03301

NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Crabtree, G/75; Gary Gentry, G/75; Gary Wallen, M/75; Carl Baldwin, N/75; Richard Barela, 75th Regt; David Moncada, G/75; Frank Johnson, I/75; Mark Vance, 2/75; Marwin Gaby, G/75; Francis Olsen, E/58th; John Ray, 1/75; James Morris, 1/75; Christopher Hansen, 1/75; Phillip Scaglione, 1/75; Richard Mauran, G/75

MEMORIES

While reading old issues of PATROLLING from Richard Papp’s D/75, collection, I have already read and seen articles of people that I’ve nearly forgotten. Thanks for the memories. If Greg Kowalzyk, G/75 reads this and can’t remember me, write and I’ll send a picture of you and me just before our Article 15 was issued. HA HA. If Danny Crown D/151 & D/75 reads this, I still live in Texas and I think you still live in Ft Worth. Mike Wieck is looking for you. Danny, I have several pictures of you in incriminating situations. HA HA. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Tim Sexton, D/75 & G/75 please call or write Narwin Gaby, Rt 2 Box 208-A-10, Alba, TX 75410 PH# 214-765-2484

LONG RANGE PATROL & 75TH RANGERS RVN

AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF:

Higher — A drunken, brawling, jeep stealing, woman corrupting liar with a sapphire ring, rolex watch & demo knife.

Himself — A tall handsome, highly trained professional killer, female idol, sapphire ring wearing, demo knife carrying gentleman who is always on time due to the reliability of his rolex watch.

His Girl — A smelly member of an elite unit who shows up every couple of months with a ruck sack full of dirty laundry and an erection.

His CO — A fine specimen of a drunken, brawling, jeep - stealing, woman corrupting, liar with a rolex watch and demo knife.

DA —— A overpaid, over ranked tax burden who is indispensable because he has volunteered to go any where and do any thing, so long as he can booze it up, brawl, steal jeeps, corrupt women, wear sapphire rings, rolex watches and carry a demo knife.

IS THIS YOUR LAST COPY OF PATROLLING?

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 1991 ????

THIS CARTOON OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN IS 30-40 YRS OLD
Welcome Home F/51 (LRP)  June 1991, Austin Texas  Contact Speedy Gonzales  PO Box 14303  Austin, TX  78761  or call 1-512-926-LRRP

Companies O/75 & P/75 & D/151 (LRP) are invited to complete F/51 (LRP) unit history. Speedy says he already has some beer/sodas and other items for the reunion. Speedy Gonzales (Editors Note: We applaud the units that have individual reunions in the odd years. The Association holds the National Reunion on the even years and gives us all a chance to renew friendships.)

UNIT PATCHES (SCROLLS)
Many of you have requested individual unit patches from the Association. The Association does not have unit specific scrolls. The following is a list of civilian organizations that sell them and other memorabilia. The Association cannot and does not recommend any one company.
Hoover's MFG Co., 4015 Progress Blvd., Peru, IL, 61354 \ Quartersmaster, 750 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90813 \ Brigade QM, 1025 Cobb Int'l Blvd., Kennesaw, GA, 30144-4300 \ Greene Mill Dist., Dept VN, 7215 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN, 37919 \ Military Shop of Hawaii, Inc., 1921 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, HI, 96815 \ Andy Connelly, PO Box 7682, The Woodlands, TX, 77387-7682

GRENADA/PANAMA RANGERS
As in any war or conflict we, as a nation, eulogize our dead and honor our wounded for a short period of time. We, as an association, will not forget the wounded who have had their lives changed permanently by their sacrifices. I have recently been in contact with two of these extraordinary Rangers. What makes them extraordinary is the same thing that drove them to be Rangers in the first place. They are self motivated. They have the ability to adapt to what ever the situation is and DRIVE ON. Both of these Rangers are paraplegics. Bill Sears B/2/75th Ranger Regiment was wounded when a Blackhawk helicopter crashed on top of him during Grenada. Bill is currently doing outstanding and is making a video for rigging a ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) to carry his rucksack and hump the hills with. He will be getting out of a cast after recently breaking a leg on the ATV. Mike McElrath C/2/75th Ranger Regiment was injured when he became entangled with another jumper(s) during the parachute assault in Panama and ended up in sub-terminal freefall. Mike is now an out-patient at the Tacoma/Seattle VA and has learned to use his wheel chair for various activities. Bill plans on sending Mike a copy of the video he is making. If any of the active duty Rangers see an ATV running around on the DZ establishing assembly points, it's probably Bill or Mike. (Editors Note: Bill and Mike have asked for back issues of PATROLLING and membership applications. They have been sent. We do not forget our Brother RANGERS)

EDITORS REQUEST
The newsletter is yours and can only contain articles and pictures that you submit. The newsletter is our communication medium between national reunions. We need input from the active duty Ranger Battalions, ie training and photos. Many of the Vietnam era Rangers have submitted articles, letters and photos over the past years and we publish them as soon as we can. You need to be aware that PATROLLING is prepared 3 to 4 months prior to publication and the notices for reunions and upcoming events need to be submitted accordingly. I would like to start a column on what you are doing now, also a Most Memorable Patrol column starting with C/75 and its predecessor units and continuing through P/75.

RANGER INDOCTRINATION PROGRAM PLAQUE
The following is list of the honor graduates of the Ranger Indoctramation Program (RIP). Our Assn. gives a plaque to each Honor Graduate of RIP.
Class 1-90: Unknown \ Class 2-90: Patrick Hernandez, 1st Bn. \ Class 3-90: Craig Palmer, 1st Bn \ Class 4-90: RIP went to Panama \ Class 5-90: Gregory Lutz, 2nd Bn. \ Class 6-90: John Mudd, 3rd Bn. \ Class 7-90: Chad Tylicki, 3rd Bn. \ Class 8-90: Goerge Kohler, 1st Bn. \ Class 9-90: Virgil Mitchell, 3rd Bn. \ Class 10-90: Michael Maiden, 2nd Bn. \ Class 11-90: Sean Berk, 2nd Bn. \ Class 12-90: Rooney Smith, 2nd Bn. \ Class 13-90: Stephen Kofrom, 2nd Bn. \ Class 14-90: Jalal Abdurrahin, 1st Bn. \ Class 15-90: Jefferey Marenco, 1st Bn. \ Class 16-91: Stephen Munroe, 1st Bn. SFC Blunkett, L/75 supplied the names of the Honor Graduates. He failed to have the name of the Class 1-90 graduate. He was on his way to a new assignment when he was alerted, by our request, for the jump into Panama. Don't let it happen again!! Class 4-90 plaque was reworked and presented to Col Kernan at the Reunion as our plaque to all Just Cause Ranger participants for a job well done. HOOAH

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Chuck Schantag
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We went to serve our country well
And were prepared to die
But some we didn’t try to save
We simply said goodbye
Our history shows some shameful deeds
But none can quite compare
To how we left in such a rush
With our captured soldiers there
Our prisoner sons have suffered much
With broken limbs and minds
But all the torture can’t compare

To Being Left Behind

By: BRIAN O’SULLIVAN O/75 & F/51

RANGER MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

The only Medal of Honor awardees, while serving in a Ranger unit, will be inducted into the Hall of Heroes at the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center (USAFKSWC) at Fort Bragg, NC during the later part of April 1991. This event will be the culmination of many years of work by the association and especially Bob Gilbert, Geoffrey Barker (Former Museum Director) and Roxanne Merritt (Curator) of the JFK Special Warfare Museum. We do not have a specific date at this time, due to a massive restoration of the museum and Hall of Heroes. Plans are in the works to invite the families of Robert Law, Robert Pruden and Lazlo Rabel to this event. Portraits of these three heroes will be placed on a bronzed metal column in the Hall of Heroes and on the remaining side of the column will be the names of the Distinguished Service Cross recipients. We are asking your help in acquiring the names of the DSC recipients that were awarded to members of the LRRP/LRP/Ranger units. Along with the names we will need documentation verifying the award. If you can come to this ceremony with little lead time please notify Bob Gilbert.

PATROLS

The forming and disbanding of U.S. Army Ranger and Ranger type units during and after wars such as Alamo Scouts, Philippine Scouts, Long Range Reconnaissance and Long Range Patrol who conducted Raid, Ambush, Prisoner Snatch, Reconnaissance and other covert missions has left considerable Ranger combat actions untold. Immediately following formation of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Inc. patrol activities of LRRP, LRP and 75th Ranger Companies from Vietnam were solicited from often reluctant participants and written in the Airborne Static Line.

CONTACT A FORMER TEAM MEMBER
These articles were written to offer a peek to the conventional Airborne Infantryman, into the silent world of the LURP and Ranger that frequently erupted into violent combat, usually short in duration but unique in that it was performed within or behind enemy lines by 2 to 12 man teams. The following is one such example:

**THEY CALL IT RECON**
Mike Vanning, L/75, was a third generation logger from Washington state and was drafted into the Army. Mike was selected for the NCO Candidate Course, AKA: Shake & Bake. Following graduation Mike (Termite) volunteered for Ranger training. He has a choice between Ranger School or Airborne School and he could only choose one. He believed correctly that Ranger School would do more good for him than a parachute in Vietnam. Bob Wimmer, a Pvt from Bogalusa Louisiana was a member of termites patrol that was inserted on 4 August 1970. The patrol consisting of six Rangers moved on 4 and 5 Aug finding a well used trail. Termite requested a extension of his patrol box and then moved to a point reconnaissance position and set up for observation. 23 NVA with AK's, Pith Helmets and Ruck's with pole slung equipment passed within 6 feet of the patrol. One of the NVA stopped to urinate, directly in front of Termite. The NVA's and Termite eyes locked. Termite had his weapon pointed directly at the NVA's head. The NVA turned and motioned the rest of the NVA soldiers on down the trail. He kept hitting them in the back and shoving them. Termite moved the patrol back down the mountain, took cover, listened. The radio was useless in the valley so he used the URC-10 to notify a passing C-130 (Hillsboro, code name for CCN MAC-SOG) that the team was compromised and they were going on E&E route. Two Gunship teams from the 2/17th Cav came on station and Termite directed their runs on the NVA. Lt Brownsberger ordered us extracted through the double canopy jungle. There was no time to get STABO or McGuire rigs. It was going to be on swiss seats and rope extraction. The bird could only pull two at a time so Jim Suomela and Greg Weaver were first followed by Ken Stiempel and Sgt Hipwell the ATL. Wimmer stayed with Termite. Termite tied each man individually into his swiss sweat and put twelve overhand knots in each Rangers snap link. After tying Wimmer in Termite reached for his weapon and ruck but couldn't find them due to darkness. He hadn't put on his own swiss seat thinking that he wouldn't need it if he had to go smoking through the jungle alone. He then tripped over his ruck and whipped on the worst swiss seat ever and tied in to the rope. As they ascended it became apparent that Termite swiss seat was a "D" in Ranger School. Half way through the canopy the chopper hit a limb with a blade strike and the pilot pulled

pitch causing Termite and Wimmer to shoot up through the canopy. The pilot told them later that he was taking ground fire and the green tracers were ripping past his windshield when he pulled pitch. The jolt of hitting the canopy with the heavy rucks flipped Wimmer and Termite upside down. The pilot floorboarded the gas and Termite and Wimmer took off upside down. Termite knew he was in trouble but Wimmer swung over by him yelling "Whee, Whee, Whee". The swiss seat slipped between Termites knees and butt. The aircraft was now high in the air and Termite decided to drop his ruck and maybe lighten the load on the swiss seat. Wimmer seeing his predicament swung over in the faling light and wrapped his legs around Termite. Upside down under a Huey going God knows how fast, Termite pulled in the handset to the PRC 25 and called the pilot of the aircraft. The pilot hearing said "Good to hear you down there and that everythings OK." Termite's reply was "OK HELL, I'm falling out of this thing, set us down or I'm going down myself. The pilot, "Hang in there buddy, I'll set her down soon as I can." During the next few minutes, Termite cracked off ten Hail Mary's and an equal number of Our Fathers. The light under the Huey came on and I saw the ground about a hundred feet below us. Termite and Wimmer were swinging in a forty foot arc. They began hitting brush and trees and finally crashed into the ground. The belly man exited the aircraft and cut the ropes off of Termite and Wimmer and dragged them to the Huey. The gunships were firing suppressive fires on both sides of the huey as they lifted off. 175's had opened up on the ridge they had just left and were raining destruction on every thing in sight. Termite says, "I began stuttering after that, right at the end of my tour. It was my own damn fault for not tying my swiss seat correctly, but worrying about getting everyone out and the gunships shooting up the area... Hell I was 19 years old and had 17 months in the Army and broke ranger rule #1 DON'T FORGET NOTHING. Wimmer told Vanning at the Reunion at Ft Campbell in 1986 that he wasn't going to look at his face if he fell."

by C. J. DuShane
L-R Roy Boatman & Jim Slade N/75 at the Utah Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Salt Lake City UT. Photo is on the state capitol grounds.

L/75 and F/58 (LRP) display in the museum at Ft Campbell KY. Bob Gilberts’ tiger fatiques with Don Lynchs name tag displayed on the right.

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These Rangers from G/75, E/51 (LRP) & 70th Inf Det LRP held a reunion in August 1990. CBS filmed thier reunion and they appeared on “CBS Sunday Morning” with Charles Kuralt. Picture was taken at the home of David “Chief” Moncada. A great time was had by all. Buffalo G/75
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3RD PLATOON, E/20TH INF (LRP) APR 1968
GUY ON THE LEFT MUST BE CIA! PICTURE
BY JOEY WELSH

L-R DON HALL, JOE HAVRILLA, CHUCK (NLN)
F/51 BIEN HOA: DEC 1967: PHOTO BY DON
HALL

L-R: TOM GRZYBOWSKI, GREG WAI Bel,
BRIAN O'SULLIVAN, JACK KANE, GUNThER
WALLER F/51, TEAM 3-5, CU CHI 1968

JOEY WELSH NEXT TO E/20 AT PLEIKU. JULY
1968. JOEY IS BACK ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH
SPECIAL FORCES AT FT. BRAGG

E/50 (LRP), 9TH INF DIV. OCT OR NOV 1967. PHOTO BY ROY BARLEY
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