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The Beret as worn by David Parrott while serving with L CO 75th in Vietnam

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On 21 December 1967, Patrol Team 6 of the 3RD BDE of the 4TH INF DIV LRRP Detachment, while on a night patrol East of the town of Duc Pho., raided a house in which there was a political meeting or rally going on. The action resulted in 23 enemy KIA and a large number of weapons & documents captured as well as the Communist flag used as a back-drop. Merry Christmas Chuck.

Above: SGT Frank Holmes & SFC Ray Martin with some of the captured weapons & flag. The CAR-15 is mine.

Below: Patrol Team 6; Back row SP4 Wills, SP4 Mike Reiley, 1LT John Chester, SGT Frank Holmes. Front row SGT Brian (Jellyroll) Radcliff and SP4 Gene Harris.



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At the beginning of October, I wondered what I could find to write in my Presidents message. Little did I know that General Eric Shinseki; the Chief of Staff of the

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Emmett Hiltibrand

Army had over heard my thoughts. I wish he had not made such a foolish and irresponsible decision as giving the black beret to the entire Army. But he did and that's that. There will be many letters and articles in this issue devoted to this subject so I will only address it a little bit. The Associations guidance and suggestions are posted on the web site and also in here. You do not have to abide by these recommendations. You can of course go your own route and do what ever you'd like. I would say that a concerted effort is more effective than numerous individual efforts. There does not seem to be any chance in convincing the CSA to change his mind. He feels he has obtained God like status and is oblivious to our desires and earned rights. The only other avenue of approach is through the legislature. I have already addressed the Associations stand on being politically involved with the Unit Directors. The vast majority of them felt we could approach this issue as long as we did not indorse or support a political party or platform. I have written my own e-mails along with one from the Association. We will continue to forge ahead until we obtain a change to his decision or a replacement CSA with more common sense. Write your elected representatives and call them. Seek out newspaper interviews and talk show hosts. Use any form of media readily available to broadcast your displeasure to this decision. E-mails seem to be the fastest and most frequent means available for the vast majority of you. The Secretary, Ron Edwards and I have already had to travel down to Tampa and put a mussel on the VP, Jim McLaughlin. Ron promptly took him over for his distemper and rabies shot. When I said to 'Unleash the hounds' in reference to the CSA announcement I had no idea that the VP would revert to his primal days and run with the dogs. For those who were scare or terrorized, I apologize. If there was any property damage, hold those bills until he is out of quarantine. I will say that this beret issue has seen super charged emotions and passionate responses from every quarter. I thank everybody for being mature and responsible in your written and telephonic approach to this. If anybody has been out of line or abusive, it has probably been I.

Our last issue was the first Patrolling Magazine of the new leadership. I have had numerous positive comments about it. Thank you, to those who responded. Over time this magazine will improve and develop into a first rate magazine. We are constantly looking for interesting articles and pictures to place in here. Please send them to the Secretary for submission. There were many new features in the last magazine. We had a section on 'Health', 'Legislature', 'Medical' and a 'Chaplains Corner'. You will also note that we placed a 'Disclaimer' in the magazine and this item will be updated and revised as we go along. It is there to inform you that articles presented in this magazine are offered as advice and guidance and are not meant to be construed as official medical, legal or financial counseling. It is your decision whether to act upon the advice or not. The articles presented herein are the comments of the author and are not edit-

ed. A discussion amongst the officers and Unit Directors and we felt that this was the best approach to allowing each individual to present his say. We will not

edit your article but at the same time if it contains profanity or inflammatory comments, we are not obligated to publish it. We will send it back to you for a re-write. This issue has additional new sections that we hope you will like. We are attempting to explore topics that interest the members and provide information. No single new or old topic is set in stone. If there is opposition to a particular portion then it will be removed and hopefully replaced with a more tasteful item. Please remember that this is your magazine too and you may contribute at any time. In reference to a death of a member or friend of the Association, please notify your Unit Director, the Secretary or myself as soon as possible. We would also like to be made aware of any one who is scheduled for surgery, is sick or hospitalized. Since the last issue we also had the Ranger Infantry Companies Airborne of the Korean War Anniversary here at Ft. Benning. What a masterful performance they put on for us. It was absolutely wonderful. One portion they had which I think was very commendable was a night wreath laying ceremony at the Ranger Memorial. I was able to obtain several knives from Camillus Knife Corporation to present to the RICA. See article in the magazine.

We also conducted the Ranger Hall Of Fame during this time frame. We had two of our own inducted into the RHOF. Last month we profiled William E. Butler and this month we will honor Ron Leslie. Congratulations to both of these fine men for being selected.

During this Anniversary the RICA conducted a banquet on the final night. Many of the RICA were sponsoring a young Ranger from 3rd Battalion Rangers to the banquet. I initially paid for my wife and myself and a young Ranger. I then called our Treasurer Jack Werner and asked him if we could, as an Association, sponsor a few more Rangers than the one I paid for. He said yes and I went ahead and sponsored an entire squad from the Battalion. They were 1st squad, 1st platoon, C company, 3rd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment. They all showed up on time and were very appreciative that we as an Association sponsored the entire squad together. I had also obtained knives for these Rangers and presented those to them. See article in magazine.

I attended a Ranger Memorial Foundation meeting in early October. For the most part it was business as usual. The RMF has set precedence in allowing a group of West Point classmates to have their bricks placed directly together (touching). This is different than in the past where you and a buddy may have requested having your bricks placed near each other. Your brick was placed near your buddy's but there was a large blank brick separating the two of you. In the future when the time comes for more names and spaces are in short demand those large bricks will be pulled and additional bricks placed in that large space. You will no longer be near your buddy as had been previously promised. Several other bricks will now separate you. I raised this point to the BOD and they said it was near impossible

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to relocate buddies to be together again. I feel this has been a misleading promise in the past and I will raise this point again. I will propose that units be allowed to pull their bricks and have them directly connected which will then provide ample space for later on. Send your comments concerning this issue to me. We have many irons in the fire right now. We are coming up on the time to submit names again for the next round of RHOF nominees. There are many deserving members out there who should be submitted. Unit Directors, please get these packets in. Next, I will be working initially with the Past Presidents and Unit Directors in revamping our Constitution and By-Laws before we submit these proposed changes to the membership. We are working on obtaining corporate sponsors for our Association in the form of increased revenue and or services for the membership and the Association. We are becoming more and more organized in our membership procurement process. We have a partial plan in progress to help units find their missing unit members. The Secretary is looking into trying the colored cover for the Patrolling Magazine again. There are several units who have scheduled their unit reunions in the off year. To these unit members and Directors, I say thank you. Please submit your unit's plans or activities into the next issue of this Patrolling Magazine to provide the widest dissemination possible.

I wish to give a heartfelt thanks to Worth Bolton C/75, Bill Anton H/75, Dave Gowen N/75, Richard Hecht 2/75, Pete Squeglia 3/75 and Mike Martin BDQ for there constant communications and recommendations to me. It helps greatly to have the Unit Directors involved in the day to day planning process. Thanks guys. I'd like to welcome on board Jimmy Kinney 1/75 who gallantly step up to bat for his unit. We now have Unit Directors for all units. It was sad to have to visit Jim McLaughlin at the veterinarian's office. He's well but still does not know what's going on and those droopy blood shot eyes just kill me. He has a nice cage with his food and water in it. I brought him a poncho liner as a security blanket. I give a special thanks to Ron Edwards and his bride Julie for keeping me on a short leash and jerking my chain from time to time. Ron is the levelheaded one around here and has more often than not guided me on a much better path than what I was on. You guys made a great choice is electing him as Secretary for the Association. He's much better looking than Roy was. I better stop here or I'll turn out like Terry. Good luck, keep the fires burning on the politicians and hang tough.

Emmett W. Hiltibrand - President

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim McLaughlin

Is it three months already? Time sure does fly. I retired in Florida because its supposed to be warm 32 degrees is not warm. I may move farther south. If I hear another black beret joke I think I'll puke. My daughter-in-law even called me up (she's being commissioned as a 2lt) and said she was going to be just like me. I realize a number of you ranger probably never even wore the beret so its not a big thing to you. Plus just wearing the beret doesn't make you a ranger either. But! I wore one in L Company, also when I was a ranger instructor and when I was with the 75th. So I guess it means something to me. Do I think the chief of staff will change his mind? No, I don't. Sometime next year the army wills all wear Black berets minus the Special Forces and the 82nd. I think this is going to happen and I think the rangers will probably go back to the c**t cap.

Last issue Ron Edwards and Emmett Hiltibrand told their life stories, I thought I would wait until this issue because I didn't want to make them look bad. I was drafted in June of 69, sent to Ft Leonard Wood Mo. for basic and while there, volunteered for jump school. 2 weeks later I enlisted for four years for Special Forces. I went to Ft Gordon Ga. For advanced infantry training then to Jump school. In Jan to 70 I entered SF school at Camp McCall NC. I was two weeks shy of Graduation when they kicked me out because I couldn't get a security clearance. (A very bad driving record) I then volunteered for VN. Arriving incountry with Ron Edwards. We both were selected to go to L Company. I spent my tour in 1st plt and even went to Macv Recondo School while there. I received orders for Ft Benning GA, which they then changed to Ft. Riley Kansas. Yuck! I spent three months there and reinlisted for Hawaii. I spent 3 Years in the 1st of the 5th at Schofield barracks. Most of that tour was in a recon plt I think I spent one year in a line plt, but left there as a SSG. I was transferred to Ft Benning, GA to 42nd Co. as a TAC for a year then as a Black hat at tower Committee. Once again I was With Ron Edwards. I also went to Jumpmaster, Pathfinder, and Ranger school while there. When I went through The Mountain Phase of Ranger school I ran into a burned out instructor who harassed me for no cause (Emmett Hiltibrand). After 4 years the army then decide after all this training that I need to know how to drive an APC. Baumholder Germany for three years as a Platoon Sgt of a Mech Plt. Once again I ran into Ron Edwards and Emmett Hiltibrand. I left Germany in 1981 as a SFC and was assigned to the ranger school (Florida Phase) for three years. In 1984 I made the E-9 list and found a job at Ft. Campbell as a 1SG. When I arrived, the Division CSM reassigned me to be the Pathfinder 1SG. The only airborne slot for an infantry 1SG in the 101st. Ron Edwards was also there as a 1SG. In 1987 I went to the SGM academy for 6 months and in July of 88 reported to The 75th Ranger Rgt as OPSGM. August of 90 I signed in at the University of South Florida with a body beat up by too many years of jumping out of planes and to many road marches. I retired in 94 in Tampa, FL. And for the last 5 years has been a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service, Hoo-Ah! One Major point I failed to Mention was when I was the OPSGM for the 75th I had a son in 3rd Ranger Bn and a son in the 1st Ranger Bn. My daughter was also in at the same time as an Officer. She was a platoon Leader of a Military Police unit in the Gulf War. I guess this says it all till next time.

SECRETARIES MESSAGEBy **Ronnie R. Edwards**

Hello again,

We are ending our second quarter as new officers of the Association and slowly learning to swim in the paperwork. I am even slower than I thought but I am learning.

I believe we are getting a handle on the membership roster and Patrolling mailing list. There were about 75 magazines returned to us because of incorrect addresses. We have been able to correct about 65 of them and are still working on the others. If you are not receiving your magazine than you won't be reading this column either, but for those of you are reading this, if you know someone who is not receiving their magazine; let me know. I can't fix it if I don't know about it.

The last Patrolling magazine did not list each member's number and expiration year on the address label. This is important as it is the main way most members check on when its time for renewal. We hope to have that corrected this time. A great apology to the BDQ for the misspelling error on the cover photo. I went back to check my "proof" copy and sure enough it was there with bells on. I don't know how John, Emmett, and I all missed it but we obviously did and I am truly sorry. We still need antic dotes and stories either about things that happened in the life of a LRRP in Nam, or what's going on in the active duty battalions. If you have something of interest, send it to me and we all can share.

The new plastic membership cards went over well, though we have had to make some correction in the spelling of names. Thanks to Ralph Harter, who provides the cards for us, this is not a problem. If something is not correct on your card just let me know and we will get it corrected.

The Association still has 265 members that have not renewed for the 1 July 2000 - 30 June 2001 membership year. Hopefully this issue of Patrolling with the proper address label will spur many of those to send in their dues.

For any that do not renew by Dec 31st I will notify their Unit Directors that I must drop them from the active roles. An increase in the dues from \$20 to \$25 a year was approved by the membership at the meeting in Savannah last July. This takes effect for the 1 July 2001 - 30 June 2002 membership year. The March issue of Patrolling will reflect this change.

There has been a major uproar within the Ranger community about the issue of the black beret as standard headgear for entire army except Special Forces and Airborne units. I know that many of our members from the early LRRP and LRP units did not attend Ranger School, never wore a black beret, and, other than their support for their brothers who did, simply do not have major feelings on the subject. I am not a "Tab Ranger" myself and only wore the black beret for about 6 months while a member of L Co 75th Inf in Vietnam. The Rangers have a proud and proven record of service and have a distinctive headgear, the black beret. Giving the black beret to the rest of the army will just give them a new headgear to wear. The heritage and tradition of service is not transferable, and will remain with the Rangers. To take away an item that means something and turn it into an item that means nothing is simply not a good idea. Looking ahead, this is possibly just the first step in a army reorganization plan that does not include a Ranger Regiment. It takes a lot of resources to keep the Ranger Battalions, as the sharp edge of the sword, ready for a killing war at a moments notice. The past and current administration in Washington DC seem to have a philosophy that we will have time to sharpen the sword later and they would rather have the resources to use for more Peace Keeping missions now.

That's about it for now. We'll keep working on keeping us all in touch.

Happy Trails,
Ron Edwards

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGEBy **Terry B. "Rock" Roderick****Ranger Rendezvous
October 4-7, 2000**

I arrived in Columbus, Georgia on Wednesday, October 4, 2000 ready for the afternoon event, the annual Ranger Hall of Fame ceremony at the Ranger Memorial. This started at 1600 hrs. so I had been by the Hilton Hotel in Columbus, where the RICA (Ranger Infantry Companies Airborne) Rangers, or the Korean War Ranger

Association, had set up their headquarters for the week's events. Rangers Robert Black and Bill Georgia of RICA really worked their butts off making sure this year's event went off with the accent on the 50th Anniversary of the Airborne Ranger, which translates to the Korean War Rangers. These Rangers from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., Airborne Ranger Companies were the first Rangers to

be Airborne and also trained in some formal manner at Ft. Benning in late 1950 in Ranger techniques. I won't go into a history lesson for you, but the 2000 Rendezvous was their chance to gather and be remembered for their sacrifices and gallantry 50 years ago. Korea, much like Vietnam, was not a popular war either, and those who served there in some of the worst conditions ever, never have received their just due in my humble opinion. I was

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glad to see them have the opportunity to be held out front and be recognized. As Ranger Black said, "This may be the last time the Korean War Rangers will be able to gather in such large numbers as they are growing older and not able to travel as easily as they used to now". That's a shame really, as we are slowly but surely losing our Ranger heroes from WWII and Korea in alarming numbers now. In addition, this applies to the Merrill's Marauders too. These are such wonderful men and definitely men to look at with much admiration.

Since Duke Dushane and I were the only ones from Papa Company who showed up (not sure if any of my D/17th LRP or A/75th cronies were there. I'm sure someone else there must have served in one of my old units), we were the only ones who had the pleasure of meeting David Barber's sister, Emily Deubner, and his brother, Harold Barber, and their spouses. Emily is married to Bill Deubner, and Harold's wife is the lovely, Fayette Barber. They have a sister who was unable to make the trip to Columbus due to work commitments her husband encountered. The family and David are from Defiance, Pennsylvania. David Barber was a member of Killer 1-6, or more affectionately remembered as "Dowd's Dirty Half Dozen". I didn't know David personally, but he had been a member of Duke Dushane's team before the 21 December 1969 incident. I arrived in the Company in late October and unbelievably to many of you, I was still in the mode of keeping my mouth shut and trying to learn how to stay alive way back then, so I didn't make a lot of new friends, nor was I as "out-going" as I would later become before we lost Team 16. I was unable to answer many questions, as I had a faint recollection of David to be honest. These folks would love to hear from any of you who might have a memory to share with them concerning David. They are very upbeat and easy to talk to about those times. I called Bill at the hotel before

leaving for the RHOF ceremony on Wednesday afternoon and they had just arrived at the hotel. I gave Bill some quick directions on how to get to the Ranger Memorial on post, and he found me after the ceremony. Duke and Marion were there also and we all linked up and made plans to meet in the morning for breakfast, before setting out on the day's activities. The Barber family was a bit tired from their trip down and could use the few hours before the morning came to get rested up and relax a bit. Of course, Duke and I were raring to go, but we took it easy on the Barber's and allowed them to leave and go to their rooms to rest peacefully until the next morning.

The RHOF ceremony on Wednesday inducted many new deserving Rangers. The two that drew my interest the most were the two that were nominated by the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. They were Ranger William "Bill" Butler of D/151st LRP, a 3 war veteran and legend in D/151st, and Ranger Ron Leslie of C/75th. I must admit that Ron Leslie will always be one of my all-time favorites because he is one of those who is fighting every day, to this day. The enemy he is fighting today is Huntington's Disease. It has robbed him of many of his physical strength's, but it has made his mind and spirit so much stronger. He doesn't just talk about it, he is out there trying to do something about it for himself and many others who suffer from the same despicable disease. My hat is off to him !!! Again, the 75th Ranger Regiment Association put forth 2 deserving Rangers and we have plenty more if only someone will do the work needed to recognize those who are deserving.

I went to the annual barbecue at Lawson Field this year on Wednesday night, after the RHOF ceremony, but it was a catered affair this year and you had to have registered for it ahead of time and it was very organized. It wasn't the "Open House" affair we usually have with all the young guys

in attendance too. Knowing my friend, Ranger Bob Black, I knew he would have things structured and orderly. It's not like the way we (Vietnam era Rangers and LRRP/LRP's) do things, where we do a lot on the fly and not much we plan ever works out after you let it out of your control. It was mostly a Korean War Ranger affair, with many guests from the other eras, and there were not many of the younger, active duty, Rangers in attendance. It was much more orderly than usual and there was a nice band playing music of the 50's for the majority of those in attendance. I think the 75th Ranger Regiment usually hosts this barbecue at the hangar, but it was very nice, to say the least. Like I said before, it was the year for the Korean War Rangers to shine, and shine they did, in every way. They can be very proud of the affair they put together this year. It took a lot of work from a lot of folks, but they did it right and the whole week was impressive in the way things were handled and presented.

Duke and I met the Barber's (for the sake of simplicity I will refer to the Deubner's and Barber's as the Barber's.....please bear with me) at their hotel the next morning for a brief breakfast. We all then headed out to the Airborne 2000 demonstration. They had the USSOCOM Parachute Team skydive in as the current Post Commander, General LeMoyné, or something like that, and his Chief of Staff, another knucklehead, have in their infinite wisdom decided that they can cut costs and save money by disbanding the Silver Wings Parachute Team at Ft. Benning and getting rid of the 250 foot towers there. If you care, you may want to let your Congressman or Congresswoman know and voice your displeasure. I doubt they really give a damn, but you can try. It's like the lottery.....you surely cannot win without buying a ticket!! The folks from the Jump Committee put on a their usual informative and entertaining show for

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By Terry B. "Rock" Roderick

all those present. A large contingent of Korean War Rangers and their friends and family were present during the whole week and it was good to see them enjoying the events so much. After the Airborne 2000 demo ended, we all moved over to the Airborne Walk to attend the graduation of an Airborne class and all the veteran's there pinned the newly earned wings on the students and hopefully, made the ceremony more memorable for the youngsters. Several pretty girls were in the class too, I should add. A couple of "hard lookin' ones" too !!

After lunch on Thursday with the Barber's, they decided to do some sight seeing in Columbus and Duke and I departed with the plan to rendezvous the next morning at their hotel again, for breakfast. On Thursday evening, the Korean War Rangers held a Retreat Review by the Ranger Memorial, with all the separate companies marching in review. It was most impressive, with all the men, looking resplendent in their uniform attire, marching along snappily.

Friday morning, Duke and I met the Barber's in the morning again, and we all headed out to Victory Pond for the "Rangers In Action" demonstration. They enjoyed this very much, as most do. At this point, they had plans already to visit in Florida and decided to go ahead and head South to the "Panhandle". We all regretted that more of the guys from P75th had not shown up this year for the Rendezvous, but we explained the earlier 75th RRA Reunion had expended many of your vacation accounts, etc. They have been added to our mailing lists now and the e-mail listings, and they have been invited to come to Mississippi and join us this coming summer. They will be welcome additions to the Papa Company family and I hope you will all take a moment in the future and let them know they are welcome. You may contact Bill Deubner, PO Box 58, Defiance, PA 16633-0058 PH# 814-928-4263. Harold told me the 3

siblings can hit each other's house with two throws of a good sized rock on a windy day. Bill's e-mail is: bdeubner@nb.net. Please take a moment out of your busy days to just say Hi to them sometime soon.

Friday evening they held the unveiling of the new Korean War Ranger print. Mr. Dietz has done an outstanding job AGAIN of depicting the war in this new print done for the Korean War Rangers. He signed prints, as did many of the Korean War Rangers in attendance. Everyone later moved to the Ranger Memorial where a nighttime memorial service was held to honor those from the Korean War Ranger units who gave the ultimate sacrifice. There was a band, pipes, drums, and buglers, and a wreath laying ceremony done with the subdued lighting of the Ranger Memorial making this a most solemn and moving event. Again, the RICA Rangers did an outstanding job of presenting themselves. They continued to show us all how it should be done.

Saturday was mostly a day to goof off and do whatever you wanted to do before the "Grand Finale", the Saturday night banquet at the Iron Works. A crowd of over 900 gathered that evening to be entertained by the RICA Rangers, and they pulled out all the stops. A "social hour" was observed, where all the guests, and the younger, active duty Rangers they sponsored, were linked up together. A few drinks were enjoyed naturally, and the rest of the crowd began building rapidly. A Grand March of the Rangers was done from the North Hall to the South Hall, where the banquet was being held. Rangers from each era and unit marched into the banquet hall, through a gauntlet of active duty Rangers, who lined the hallway in their dress uniforms, with full decorations and in full regalia, along with their guests for the evening. The whole evening, from the time the Colors were posted, until they retired the Colors, was just fantastic and one of the best EVER !!!

There was a video put together that was very entertaining concerning the Korean War and the Rangers who fought it. The 75th Ranger Regiment put together a video that showed what they are doing today. There was a drum and bagpipe group who played, the 82nd Airborne Chorus was there. It was just OUTSTANDING !!! I knew when I found out that Bob Black was handling it, that it would be first class, and he did not disappoint.

The 2000 Ranger Rendezvous was memorable in its own right by the occasion of the large attendance and celebration of the Korean War Rangers and the 50th Anniversary of the Airborne Ranger. For me personally, it was such a pleasure to meet some of David Barber's family. When you meet these survivor's of our KIA's families, you never know what to expect. These folks were so positive and caring that they made the time Duke and I spent seem like it was too short with them. I felt a true kinship with them and I know they were sincere when they told us their home was always open to Papa Company Rangers. As a side note.....Duke and I took them to "The 4 Winds" restaurant for lunch after the Rangers in Action demo for "RangerBurgers". Harold and Bill "dusted" their RangerBurgers without any problem. I was unable to meet the standard they set and failed miserably with mine. Duke had a BTL and was disqualified. The "gals" had Junior RangerBurgers, which they hurt considerably.

All in all, a good week, and Kudo's to the RICA and Korean War Rangers. A "SPECIAL HAT'S OFF" to Rangers Bob Black, Bill Georgia, and all of their family and friends who assisted them in making this past week a most memorable one. Rangers Lead the Way !! Terry B. Roderick 12 October 2000

SENATE APPROVES \$310 BILLION DEFENSE BILL

By John Whitesides

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate easily gave final approval on Thursday to a compromise \$310 billion defense bill that boosts military pay, provides lifelong health care for military retirees and compensates workers exposed to radiation in building and testing nuclear weapons.

On a 90-3 vote, senators authorized a 3.7 percent military pay raise and backed the improved health-care benefit included in the package last week by House-Senate negotiators, who dropped controversial provisions such as a Senate amendment expanding federal hate crime laws to cover homosexuals.

The bill, which now goes to President Clinton for his expected signature, authorizes about \$4.5 billion more in fiscal 2001 spending than requested by Clinton and \$12.6 billion more than fiscal 2000 spending. The House approved it 382-31 on Wednesday.

Fiscal 2001 defense spending levels were passed by Congress and signed into law by Clinton in August, but the companion authorization bill was hung up by the hate crimes measure. Senators said the pay raise and increased military spending was badly needed to boost recruitment and retention rates and replenish military accounts drained by extended overseas deployments.

A long line of senators said the deaths on Thursday of at least five U.S. sailors in a suspected attack by suicide bombers on a U.S. warship in Yemen underscored the need for a strong military.

"I can't think of a stronger message that we ... can send to the men and women of the armed services in this hour of their grief than this strong vote," said Sen. John Warner, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Under the benefit, military retirees can remain in the military Tricare insurance system for life, rather than being forced to leave when they become eligible for the less generous Medicare program. They can use Tricare as a supplement to pay costs not covered by Medicare, and would not have to pay enrollment fees, co-payments or deductibles under the plan. Supporters of the provision argued that lifelong military health benefits were a promise made to all new recruits and should be honored.

The Senate voted 84-9 against Kerrey's procedural attempt to force the bill back to the House-Senate conference committee.

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John Stahlman
Pres-Elect TROA

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HEALTH

VA Links AGENT ORANGE and DIABETES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Vietnam veterans with Type-II diabetes will now be eligible for disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) based on their presumed exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides. Acting Secretary Hershel W. Gober announced today his decision to add diabetes to the list of presumptive diseases associated with herbicide exposure.

Gober's decision follows the latest in a series of reports by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) examining the impact of herbicide exposure on veterans' health. The most recent IOM report, released last month, included a review of research efforts by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the U.S. Air Force. Based on this new information, IOM researchers found "limited / suggestive" evidence of an association between the chemicals used in herbicides during the Vietnam War and adult-onset (Type-II) diabetes.

"This is a significant milestone in our ongoing effort to keep America's promise to her veterans, especially those who suffer from this debilitating and life-altering disease," said Gober. "It also validates the process we've established to ensure decisions of this magnitude are based on the medical and scientific standards required by the law."

VA officials cautioned it will take several months to write the rules before Vietnam veterans with diabetes can begin applying for disability compensation. They can, however, enroll in VA's health care system immediately and begin receiving the care they need.

Diabetes mellitus is characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to process the hormone insulin. More than 90 percent of the 16 million diabetics in the United States are categorized as Type-II, which occurs primarily in adults. Approximately 16 percent of veterans receiving care in VA medical facilities have been diagnosed with diabetes. Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death and the leading cause of blindness in the United States.

The number of diseases VA has recognized as being associated with Agent Orange exposure expanded considerably during the 1990s. The following conditions are now considered service-connected for Vietnam veterans: chloracne (a skin disorder), porphyria cutanea tarda, acute or subacute peripheral neuropathy (a nerve disorder), non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, soft tissue sarcoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer and respiratory cancers (including cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea and bronchus). In addition, Vietnam veterans' children with the birth defect spina bifida are eligible for certain benefits and services.

VA already grants service-connection for diabetes when the diabetes developed during - or was otherwise related to - military service. "Service-connection" is necessary to receive VA disability compensation and may place the veteran in a higher priority classification for VA health care. Gober's decision paves the way for that designation to be applied to any veteran who served in-theater during the Vietnam War and subsequently develops diabetes, without the diabetic veteran having to prove that Agent Orange caused the disease.

Today's announcement begins a 60-day period for VA to publish proposed rules for implementing this change in benefits. After the rules are published, a 90-day period begins during which VA will seek input to the proposal, including a public comment period. When this process is complete, VA will publish final rules for implementing the change.

Additional information regarding medical care and compensation for veterans is available at VA regional offices or medical centers. The telephone numbers can be found in local directories under the "U.S. Government" listing. In most areas, for information about disability compensation and VA pensions, callers can use the following toll-free number: 1-800-827-1000. For health care and copayment information, call 1-877-222-8387. Information is also available on VA's Web page, www.va.gov.

HEALTH

The American Liver Foundation (ALF) Veterans Hepatitis C Council is urging veterans nationwide to get tested for Hepatitis C, a potentially life-threatening illness that is four to five times more prevalent among veterans than it is among the general population. The Veterans Council is also making free in-home Hepatitis test kits available to all U. S. veterans. The free test kits will be made available through a toll free hotline, (1-888-888-HEPC) and via the internet, (www.liverfoundation.org).

Getting tested is the first step in fighting this disease and the VA and other VSO'S are working closely with medical experts in the field to ensure that veterans don't have to fight the disease alone. The test is simple, you simply take a small amount of blood from your finger and mail it to a certified blood testing facility. The results are completely confidential. You then call a toll free number after ten days to learn their test results.

Hepatitis C is frequently a disease without symptoms and can go undetected for 20 or 30 years. It is often not diagnosed until serious liver damage has occurred. If you served in Vietnam or another combat zone it is very important that you be tested. Soldiers contract the disease by exposure to bleeding wounds, transfusions or any other contact with blood products could cause the disease. A search of bodies in the aftermath of an engagement could also transmit the disease. Left unchecked, Hepatitis C could lead to cirrhosis of the liver or liver cancer.

It is in your own best interest to contact your family doctor about being tested or contact the ALF. Their phone number is (1-888-888-HEPC), and their website is at (www.liverfoundation.org).

Editors note: I would like to thank ISG Mike McDaniel, Ret. (E/75) for the article. Thanks for the pointer brother, hang in there.

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RANGER CREED

This will be the beginning of a 6-part series concerning the Ranger Creed. This is the creed that is known by heart of all that are currently or have served in the Ranger Regiment. There is validity and words of wisdom in this Creed. This Creed was coined many years after we had served in Vietnam. Many of us can read this Creed and find excerpts that pertain to us before it was ever written. This series is for we of the 'Past' and those of the 'Present' to pass on to those of the 'Future'. I'd like you to interject our personal experiences of how we lived this Creed before it was ever written. Why it pertains to us and how we live it in our hearts and mind. Each stanza as it is called will be reviewed in the next 6 issues of the Patrolling Magazine. Please submit your responses to myself and the Secretary for selection in the Patrolling Magazine. I want responses from all era's from Vietnam to current Regiment. Be frank and honest but not too long winded. We will not edit your response. If your response is negative in nature, inflammatory or contradictory it will not be printed but returned to you. Please take the time to try to memorize it. The first stanza will appear in the next Patrolling Magazine with responses. Emmett W. Hiltibrand - President, 75th Ranger Regiment Association.

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession. I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor and high "esprit de corps" of my Ranger Regiment.

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air. I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to move further, faster and fight harder than any other soldier.

Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be. One hundred percent and then some

Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well trained soldier. My courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow.

Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Ranger word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.

Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission, though I be the lone survivor.

THE ONE-DOLLAR BILL

TAKE OUT A ONE-DOLLAR BILL AND LOOK AT IT. THE ONE-DOLLAR BILL YOU ARE LOOKING AT FIRST CAME OFF THE PRESSES IN 1957 IN ITS PRESENT FORM. THIS SO-CALLED PAPER MONEY IS IN FACT A COTTON AND LINEN BLEND, WITH RED AND BLUE MINUTE SILK FIBERS RUNNING THROUGH IT. WE HAVE ALL WASHED IT WITHOUT IT FALLING APART. A SPECIAL BLEND OF INK IS USED, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH WE WILL NEVER KNOW. IT IS OVERPRINTED WITH SYMBOLS AND THEN IT IS STARCHED TO MAKE IT WATER RESISTANT AND PRESSED TO GIVE IT THAT NICE CRISP LOOK.

IF YOU LOOK ON THE FRONT OF THE BILL, YOU WILL SEE THE UNITED STATES TREASURY SEAL. ON THE TOP, YOU WILL SEE THE SCALES FOR A BALANCED BUDGET. IN THE CENTER, YOU HAVE A CARPENTER'S T-SQUARE, A TOOL USED FOR AN EVEN OUT. UNDERNEATH IS THE KEY TO THE UNITED STATES TREASURY. THAT'S ALL PRETTY EASY TO FIGURE OUT, BUT WHAT IS ON THE BACK OF THAT DOLLAR BILL ARE SOMETHINGS WE SHOULD ALL KNOW.

IF YOU TURN THE BILL OVER, YOU WILL SEE TWO CIRCLES. BOTH CIRCLES, TOGETHER, COMPRISE THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES. THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS REQUESTED THAT BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AND A GROUP OF MEN COME UP WITH A SEAL. IT TOOK THEM FOUR YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK AND ANOTHER TWO YEARS TO GET IT APPROVED.

IF YOU LOOK AT THE LEFT-HAND CIRCLE, YOU WILL SEE A PYRAMID. NOTICE THE FACE IS LIGHTED AND THE WESTERN SIDE IS DARK. THIS COUNTRY WAS JUST BEGINNING. WE HAD NOT BEGUN TO EXPLORE THE WEST OR DECIDED WHAT WE COULD DO FOR WESTERN CIVILIZATION. THE PYRAMID IS UNCAPPED, AGAIN SIGNIFYING THAT WE WERE NOT EVEN CLOSE TO BEING FINISHED. INSIDE THE CAPSTONE, YOU HAVE THE ALL-SEEING EYE, AN ANCIENT SYMBOL FOR DIVINITY. IT WAS FRANKLIN'S BELIEF THAT ONE MAN COULD NOT DO IT ALONE, BUT A GROUP OF MEN, WITH THE HELP OF GOD, COULD DO ANYTHING. IN GOD WE TRUST IS ON THIS CURRENCY. THE LATIN ABOVE THE PYRAMID, ANNUIT COEPTIS, MEANS, GOD HAS FAVORED OUR UNDERSTANDING. THE LATIN BELOW THE PYRAMID, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, MEANS, A NEW ORDER HAS BEGUN. AT THE BASE OF THE PYRAMID IS THE ROMAN NUMERAL FOR 1776. IF YOU LOOK AT THE RIGHT-HAND CIRCLE, AND CHECK IT CAREFULLY, YOU WILL LEARN THAT IT IS ON EVERY NATIONAL CEMETERY IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS ALSO ON THE PARADE OF FLAGS WALKWAY AT THE BUSHNELL, FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETERY, AND IS THE CENTERPIECE OF MOST HEROES' MONUMENTS. SLIGHTLY MODIFIED, IT IS THE SEAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND IS ALWAYS VISIBLE WHEREVER HE SPEAKS, YET NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. THE BALD EAGLE WAS SELECTED AS A SYMBOL FOR VICTORY FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST, HE IS NOT AFRAID OF A STORM, HE IS STRONG AND HE IS SMART ENOUGH TO SOAR ABOVE IT. SECONDLY, HE WEARS NO MATERIAL CROWN. WE HAD JUST BROKEN FROM THE KING OF ENGLAND. ALSO, NOTICE THE SHIELD IS UNSUPPORTED MEANING THIS COUNTRY NOW STANDS ON ITS OWN. AT THE TOP OF THE SHIELD IS A WHITE BAR SIGNIFYING CONGRESS AS A UNIFYING FACTOR. WE WERE COMING TOGETHER AS ONE NATION. IN THE EAGLE'S BEAK YOU WILL READ, E PLURIBUS UNUM, MEANING ONE NATION FROM MANY PEOPLE. ABOVE THE EAGLE ARE THIRTEEN STARS REPRESENTING THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL COLONIES, AND ANY CLOUDS OF MISUNDERSTANDING ROLLING AWAY. AGAIN, WE WERE COMING TOGETHER AS ONE. NOTICE WHAT THE EAGLE HOLDS IN HIS TALONS. HE HOLDS AN OLIVE BRANCH AND ARROWS. THIS COUNTRY WANTS PEACE, BUT WE WILL NEVER BE AFRAID TO FIGHT TO PRESERVE PEACE. THE EAGLE ALWAYS WANTS TO FACE THE OLIVE BRANCH, BUT IN TIME OF WAR, HIS GAZE TURNS TOWARDS THE ARROWS. IT IS SAID THAT THE NUMBER 13 IS AN UNLUCKY NUMBER. THIS IS ALMOST A WORLDWIDE BELIEF. YOU WILL NEVER SEE A ROOM NUMBERED 13, OR ANY HOTELS OR MOTELS WITH A 13TH FLOOR. BUT, THINK ABOUT THIS: 13 ORIGINAL COLONIES, 13 STRIPES ON OUR FLAG, 13 STEPS ON THE PYRAMID, 13 LETTERS IN THE LATIN ABOVE, 13 LETTERS IN E PLURIBUS UNUM, 13 STARS ABOVE THE EAGLE, 13 PLUMES OF FEATHERS ON EACH SPAN OF THE EAGLE'S WING, 13 BARS ON THAT SHIELD, 13 LEAVES ON THE OLIVE BRANCH, 13 FRUITS, AND IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY 13 ARROWS. AND, FOR MINORITIES THE 13TH AMENDMENT.

WHY DON'T YOU KNOW THIS? YOUR CHILDREN DON'T KNOW THIS, AND THEIR HISTORY TEACHERS DON'T KNOW THIS. TOO MANY VETERANS HAVE GIVEN UP TOO MUCH TO EVER LET THESE MEANINGS FADE. MANY VETERANS REMEMBER COMING HOME TO AN AMERICA THAT DID NOT CARE. TOO MANY VETERANS NEVER CAME HOME AT ALL. TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW OR MEET WHAT IS ON THE BACK OF THE ONE-DOLLAR BILL AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR, BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE WILL.

CREATION OF VIETNAM VETS

When the Lord was creating Vietnam veterans, He was into His 6th day of overtime when an angel appeared.

"You're certainly doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." And God said, "Have you seen the specs on this order? A Nam vet has to be able to run 5 miles through the bush with a full pack on, endure with barely any sleep for days, enter tunnels his higher ups wouldn't consider doing, and keep his weapons clean and operable. He has to be able to sit in his hole all night during an attack, hold his buddies as they die, walk point in unfamiliar territory known to be VC infested, and somehow keep his senses alert for danger. He has to be in top physical condition existing on c-rats and very little rest. And he has to have 6 pairs of hands." The angel shook his head slowly and said, "6 pair of hands....no way." The Lord says "It's not the hands that are causing me problems.... It's the 3 pair of eyes a Nam vet has to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through elephant grass, another pair here in the side of his head for his buddies, another pair here in front that can look reassuringly at his bleeding, fellow soldier and say, 'You'll make it'.....when he knows he won't. 'Lord, rest, and work on this tomorrow.'"

"I can't," said the Lord. "I already have a model that can carry a wounded soldier 1,000 yards during a firefight, calm the fears of the latest FNG, and feed a family of 4 on a grunt's paycheck." The angel walked around the model and said, "Can it think?" "You bet," said the Lord. "It can quote much of the UCMJ, recite all his general orders, and engage in a search and destroy mission in less time than it takes for his fellow Americans back home to discuss the morality of the War, and still keep his sense of humor." "This Nam vet also has phenomenal personal control. He can deal with ambushes from hell, comfort a fallen soldier's family, and then read in his hometown paper how Nam vets are baby killers, psychos, addicts, killers of innocent civilians." The Lord gazed into the future and said, "He will also endure being vilified and spit on when he returns home, rejected and crucified by the very ones he fought for."

Finally, the angel slowly ran his finger across the vet's cheek, and said, "There's a leak...I told you that you were

trying to put too much into this model." "That's not a leak", said the Lord. "That's a tear."

"What's the tear for?" asked the angel. "It's for bottled up emotions, for holding fallen soldiers as they die, for commitment to that funny piece of cloth called the American flag, for the terror of living with PTSD for decades after the war, alone with it's demons with no one to care or help." "You're a genius," said the angel, casting a gaze at the tear.

The lord looked very somber, as if seeing down eternity's distant shores.. "I didn't put it there," he said. Cause for reflection.....God bless Vietnam vets

(Author Unknown)

CAR - 15

By Tom Sweetman

The following was an e-mail message sent by Ranger Tom Sweetnam to Ranger Randal White in February, 2000, while Sweetnam was in the process of digitally resurrecting some of White's Vietnam photographs. Both are L Company veterans...

Look at that magazine in your CAR-15 Randy. Or for that matter, look at your CAR-15. It looks like it could use about a week in a body shop. My first CAR-15 in the Ranger Company was three years old and had been passed down by successive LRRP/Rangers in the 101st Abn. Div. since the day it was new. I had to do some amateur machining on it and replace the buffer spring with one from an M-16, and the SOB would still jam after about 3 magazines on automatic. My CAR-15 had been fired so often over the years, that nearly all the rifling was gone from inside the barrel. I once wrote a piece on the web joking about the fact that L Company Rangers were the only US Army unit since the Revolutionary War that had to rely on smooth bore muskets, and it wasn't that much of an exaggeration either. That's why my team leader David Hazelton insisted our team carry a lot of frags. I know he carried more than most Rangers did, and I don't think its beyond the realm of possibility that our team may have carried more frags than any other Ranger team in I Corps. They were Hazelton's weapon of choice, no doubt about that.

A couple of months after I'd been wounded in August, 1970, while I was my way back to the Ranger Company from hospital in Okinawa, I stopped in Danang for a few days so I could kick back at China Beach. The Danang area was on high alert status as luck would have it, having taken about half a dozen 122 mm rockets the day before I got there, so American military personnel weren't allowed to hitchhike in civilian areas or on the roads outside of military compounds. In order to get transportation, I had to go to the MP hut at the checkpoint coming into the Danang army compound and ask the MPs to have someone give me a ride to the beach. My ride ended up being with two REMF majors driving a jeep, both of them immaculate in their starched razor-creased cammies and polished jungle boots, acting like they were really put out that some buck sergeant had the nerve to ask them for a ride.

No conversation transpired between myself and the REMF majors as we headed for the beach, so I just sat in the back of the jeep taking in the scenery, wondering mystical thoughts about what it must be like to be a REMF, when suddenly a bright glint caught my eye in the front of the jeep. It was from one of the weapons these two were carrying, the one that had a hand-stitched leather shoulder strap in burgundy and blonde leather that was really beautiful. For that matter, both the REMF's weapons looked like collector pieces that'd never been fired, nor would they ever be fired, since these two Danang majors had no use for the firing kind of weapon. No...these two majors were making a military fashion statement with their automatic rifles, and that was about all. I kept staring at those two beautiful automatic rifles in a state of *deja vu*, because they looked vaguely familiar, but I

just couldn't quite put my finger on where I'd seen them before. So when we got to the beach, I finally broke the silence and asked the REMFs just what in the world kind of weapon it was they were carrying.

"Why...that's a CAR-15 sergeant," said the major.

"Get oughta here, sir! That's a CAR-15!? No way!!

"Oh yes...yes indeed....it most certainly is," said the major, smiling now, beaming like a new Mercedes owner showing off his shiny prize to all the neighbors.

I was so stunned I couldn't reply, lifting my jaw off the ground and one of the weapons from the jeep simultaneously, letting my eyes feast on this beautifully-machined apparition, turning it in my hands like a sacred religious icon, watching the sun bathe its glorious aluminum hue to a royal blue gray, watching the shadows ebb and flow in its rich black neoprene plastic, and mesmerized I was at last, by its flawlessly polished trigger, upon which

nary a human fingerprint had ever soiled its glint. Pools welled in my eyes when I handed it back.

"Thank-you sir," I blubbered, still shaken by the experience, sniffing and choking back a tear.

"No problem sergeant. What kind of weapon do you normally use?" he asked.

"Well sir...uhhhh...errrr...I mean...that is to say sir, that ummmm...well..."

He grew tired of my babbling and hopped back in the jeep, speeding off to his destination.

I felt at that very moment like the man who forgets his camera before driving a country road and spotting a UFO parked in a corn field, its alien inhabitants having a ham

sandwich and watermelon picnic under a persimmon tree. Or like the park warden who forgets his camera when coming eye-to-eye with an honest-to-God Sasquatch wearing a pair of size 29 4E Merrell waffle stompers.

Oh sure, there'd been rumors in the Ranger Company for years, rumors of this mystical existence, rumors of this almost other-worldly materiality, rumors of this fountain of youth where NEW CAR-15s romped and played in their kindergarten smoothness, unsullied and unscathed by life's harsh realities, shiny and clean and perky and bright. But those who spread such rumors were always relegated to the runks of crackpots and oddballs. Best to keep your mouth shut about such things in a war-weary Ranger Company.

So I did, and I've carried this dark secret with me till this very day. Yet 30 years is long time to shoulder such a crushing burden. The pale must be lifted from my conscience now. It must. Even the British let loose their war secrets after 30 years. So it is today my Ranger brother, on this beautiful New Mexico Sunday of February 27, 2000, that I shuck my guilt, that I cleanse my soul, that I finally share with you the unbelievable reality, that yes, in the year 1970, in the Republic of Vietnam, I once saw and held in my trembling hands, a brand spanking new, unfired, aluminum and neoprene vestal virgin. How sweet it was.



THE BOATMAN LABYRINTH

By Emmett W. Hiltibrand

Shortly after the election Ron Edwards and I found it necessary to travel up to North Carolina to visit Roy and rescue (more like wrestle) some of the Associations documents from him. I drove from Georgia over to Ron's house in Alabama and we staged out of there for Roy's. We lost some sleep and it was a long drive but we probably saved the Association several hundred dollars in UPS expenses. It's not that Roy wanted to be left alone but for him and his lovely wife Joyce to go into town but they have to pack a sack lunch. Their house has an impressive cleared fire zone (killing field) all the way around it. The house itself is in excess of 4000 sq. ft. and is all on one level. Just outside of Roy's office is a life size cement dolly of the likeness of his dog. Don't be fooled. Make sure it is the cement one and not Bo himself. Once inside I was unwittingly lured into my first mistake. Every room looks the same. All doors look the same. Everything is painted the same and all rooms have at least 4 or 5 doors leading from it. Regardless of what door you choose you are then faced with a room with 4 or 5 more doors that all look the same and all painted the same. Are you starting to get the picture? Roy should have issued us a strip map at the door. I had thought of leaving a

trail of breadcrumbs but Joyce keeps the place too clean and they would have been gone on my return. I thought about laying a trail of string but as an after thought it probably would have crossed itself many times or the numerous kids running around would have played with it or once again Joyce would have cleaned it up. I have come to the conclusion that a giant rail road crayon to mark the doors would have been my best hope of ever finding my way around in there. I usually had to stop and ask one of the kid's directions. Once during the night I got up to go to the restroom and then went outside for a smoke. On my return I wasn't sure if I was going to make it all the way down the hallway before dawn. Heck, even my guest bedroom had two doors leading from it. There must be 50 or 60 doors in that place. And they all look the same. A few days before we arrived, Bo, Roy's faithful male Boxer saw several wild Turkeys wandering around in the back 40. He (Bo) ran out to them thinking they were going to be great playmates. When he got up to the big old Tom, the Tom just opened his wings and drew Bo on in. I understand it wasn't a pretty sight. The next few days revealed another prospect of friends for Bo. Small herds of deer emerged from the woods and were jogging across

Bonanza. Bo ran out after them when all of a sudden they did a 180 and ran back the way they had just come. Bo wasn't quite aware of this new game these guys were playing and soon became cannon fodder under the many hooks of the deer. So much for those guys. While Ron and I were there Bo was quite content with chasing lizards and grasshoppers. Safe bet Bo. After a day of Joyce's wonderful hospitality and having to listen to Roy, Ron and I formulated our escape plan. On leaving, I came to the realization that at one time during our journey up there we had actually come within a mile or so of Roy's house. It was at that point that Ron suggested one of his short cuts to Roy's. We didn't actually cross over into Canada but used the turn around ramp and made a direct approach from there into Roy's driveway. I sent Ron some literature on GPS devises and their use. So, the moral of this story is DON'T. Just take my advice and call Roy or e-mail him. And if you absolutely have to go up there for any reason, don't (DON'T) let Ron drive. And make Roy issue you a strip map at the front door. Just to be on the safe side bring along the railroad crayons any way. Many thanks for the wonderful hospitality, Joyce and Roy.
Emmett W. Hiltibrand

RIFLE INFANTRY COMPANIES AIRBORNE

By Emmett W. Hiltibrand

Many of us of the Vietnam era were either very young or just being born when these our older brothers were making their mark on Ranger history. These were the guys who invented the name Airborne Ranger that many of us proudly aligned ourselves behind. I remember several reunions ago this group of proud men in white shirts and gray slacks marching in formation. Their shirts were adorned with patches and they wore the black beret. It was undoubtedly the single largest formation in our parade of Veterans at the Ranger Memorial. They were a proud group and seemed to have a little more cohesion than most of the other groups.

In early October they celebrated their 50th Anniversary of the Korean War here at Ft. Benning Ga. There weren't as many of them as there used to be but darn if they are still not a proud group. I guess standing there watching them and noticing their smaller numbers had a profound impact on me. I noticed that there were fewer and fewer of the Merrill's Marauders and World War II Rangers in formation also. It didn't take a direct hit to make me realize that age was taking its toll on these guys. It also didn't take a mirror for me to realize that that was a signal that we, the Vietnam era, weren't far behind in this foot race. Don't ask me why I feel regret or remorse when I see a life long land mark disappear. Or when an old vacant lot becomes home of a new building. I remember a patch of woods on Ft. Benning, when they were just freshly planted pine tree seedlings. Now those trees are grown and of harvest age. I hate driving by there knowing that someday they will also be gone. Granted, you can say this is progress and the way of life. It's inevitable and has to happen. But there is 'nothing' that says I have to like it.

To my brothers of, the Korean

era, I say 'Thank You' for your devotion, sacrifice and guidance. You are a part of our history and we will NEVER forget you. We picked up the gauntlet of war when you were finished with it and wore it in Vietnam. When we were finished with it, it was picked up by another generation and now they proudly wear it. Rangers Led The Way in the PAST, are Leading The Way in the PRESENT and will always will Lead The Way in to the FUTURE. Thank you for letting your younger brothers share in your Anniversary. The 75th Ranger Regiment Association presented the RICA with 9 Camillus knives engraved with the names of several of their (RICA) KIA's. We were brothers in different eras and different places. We will be brothers united again in a better place. God bless.

Emmett W. Hiltibrand - President
75th Ranger Regiment Association

See the related article on 75th Ranger Regiment Association sponsoring of a Ranger squad to the RICA banquet.



President Hiltibrand of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association (right) presents President Kelso of the Ranger Infantry Companies Airborne (left) with one of the engraved Camillus knives.



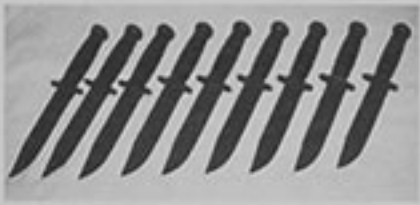
The exquisite engraving of the RICA logo done by a master engraver.



Camillus Knife Corporation logo.



One of the beautifully engraved Camillus knives.



Nine distinguished looking Camillus knives. The knives were donated from the Camillus Knife Corporation of New York in honor of the Ranger Infantry Companies Airborne Anniversary. The engraving was donated also by a master craftsman at Round Eye Knife & Tool. A grateful Thanks to both of these generous companies for their thoughtful consideration.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

By John Chester

There are probably very few of us who are not aware of the Army's latest act of insensitivity. Does anyone really think that lowering standards will raise performance?

I was gratified that my last twenty years of study of Zen philosophy was not wasted. When I first heard of the proposed change, my first thought was, "What color beret will the Rangers get?" My second was, "What will the legs do for sex after they take away their overseas caps?"

On another note; our first issue is behind us, and I am pleased that it went fairly well. I don't know how I missed the error on the cover (Calling BDQ, BAQ) but I did, and the fault is mine. I apologize for that, and will pay more attention, at least to the cover. The unit directors are to be congratulated for the promptness of the column submissions. Keep it up guys! Another dropped pass; I forgot to credit Michael Monfrooe (L CO, '71) for the poem "The Black Beret". Sorry about that Mike. I'll get it right eventually.

I would really like to see more participation from the general membership. When I attend the reunions most of the people that I meet are very opinionated, but I don't see that reflected in the magazine. This is your publication, let us know what you think and how you feel. There must be some issues that some of you want to address. The officers and unit directors are not mind readers, you need to let us know your concerns. This should be a forum for the concerns and opinions of our members, let's make it so.

We are going to dedicate one or two pages to letters from the membership and editorial features. That means that I really need input from you. It doesn't matter how you send it, e-mail, letter, etc.; I can deal with it.

You will notice that there are no ads in this issue. We are still in the process of getting the Second Class mailing permit. It is a somewhat complicated process, but should be worth the trouble. It actually costs less than the permit that we are now using, it goes out the same way as First Class and we can sell ads. Again, if you know anyone who would be a potential advertiser, please put them in touch with me.

My wife and I got back from a rather long trip to Europe in mid - October. The occasion for the trip was her retirement from the public school system, which is another story altogether. We got a great deal on plane tickets, and being cost conscious as we are, started doing some research. We (really she) discovered that retired military and individuals with a 100% permanent and total service connected disability, (rated

by the VA), are eligible to stay in certain classes of military housing, both in the US and overseas, and are also eligible to stay in housing provided by other NATO countries. We made reservations at the Union Jack Club, in London, a housing facility for British military, but open to members of NATO forces on a space available basis. The cost was significantly lower than a comparable civilian facility.



American Cemetery, Luxembourg

We stayed at a number of other facilities in Germany, again at quite a reduction in cost, (as little as \$25.00 per night in Kitzingen). If you are traveling, and you qualify, you should check out the facilities. Available in any PX or Bx is a book titled "Military Housing Around the World". It is a directory of military and associated housing facilities worldwide. It gives the method of contact, phone numbers, prices, etc.

We did what my wife referred to as the military tour. We visited St. Mere Eglise and Carentan, the two towns liberated by the 82ND & 101ST Airborne Divisions on D Day. Believe it or not, there is a paratrooper hanging from the church steeple in St Mere Eglise. The town also has an airborne museum that is worth seeing. It was quite a rush being at these places I had only heard about. I remember jumping on the drop zones at Ft. Bragg that were named after the above towns, and imagining what it must have been like. From there we went to the D-Day invasion beaches and to Pont-du-Hoc, the cliff seized by the 2ND Ranger Battalion on D-Day, the site that supposedly had artillery pieces capable of sinking the invasion ships.

I was impressed by the difficulty of the mission and was filled with pride that I was even slightly associated with those men. We are indeed part of an impressive tradition, and

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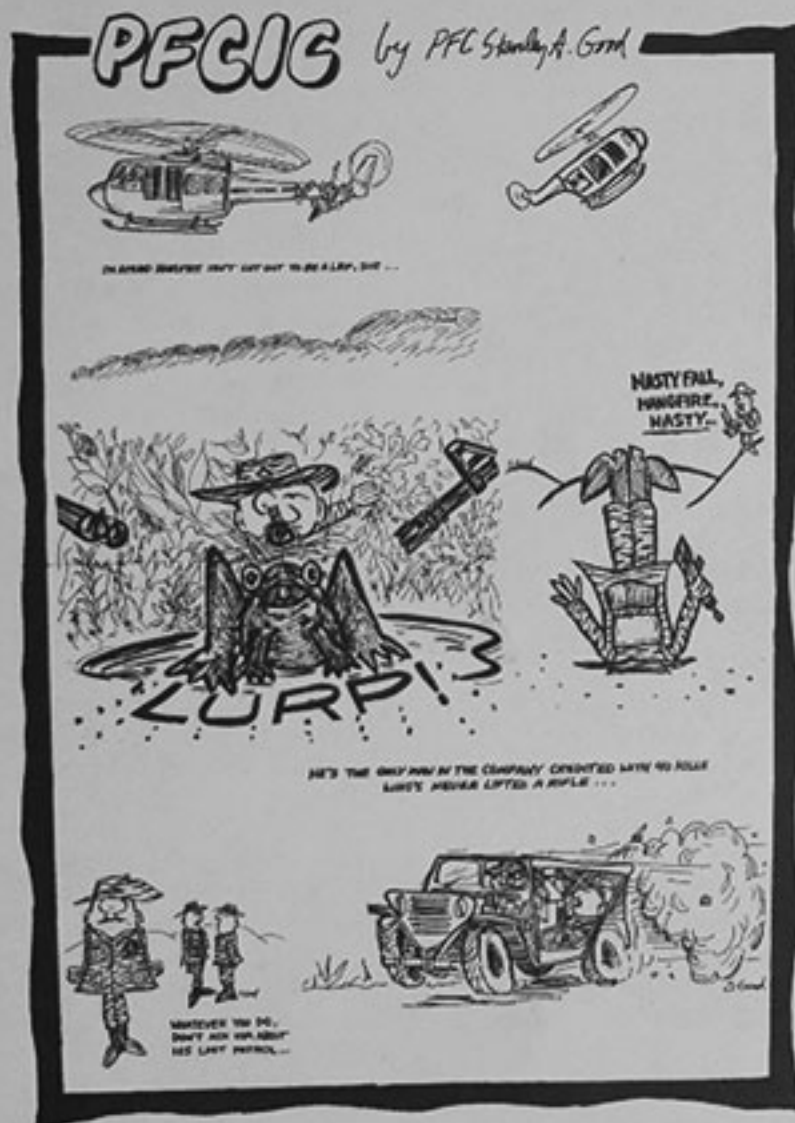
By John Chester

all should be justly proud of that tradition. I have been fortunate indeed to meet Jack Kuhn, one of the two men who eventually found and destroyed the German guns. After the war, he returned to his hometown of Altoona, PA, and became, in due course, the Chief of Police. I am trying to convince him to contribute a few words to our magazine.

In Luxembourg we visited the American cemetery, the one in which George Patton is buried. At the suggestion of Ron Edwards, our Secretary, we also visited the German cemetery, located about a mile away. The contrast is quite stark. The American cemetery, with its rows of brilliantly white crosses & stars, row on precision row, makes it appear that these men, even in death, are still at attention. By contrast, the German cemetery has far fewer crosses, (four men to each cross), and the rows are broken up by trees that are planted among the crosses. It is somehow more serene and peaceful. Both however are testaments to the price of the follies of politicians.



German Cemetery, Luxembourg



A/75, V CORPS LRRP CO

By Tom Brizendine

A lot of guys from the Germany era of the company have showed up on the net in recent months.

Chet Smith recently located LRRP skydiving buddy Bill Maxwell who now lives in Texas. Bill was in contact with another skydiving LRRP buddy (Sgt and later Lt) Lee Farley who lives in Georgia.

Lee was in contact with two other old-timer LRRPs, former Company Commander Maj (Ret) Norm Carlton, and SFC Tom Gattis, esteemed patrol leader of the "Howling Duds", one of 2nd platoons best and most colorful patrols at Gibbs Kaserne.

Norm is in good form, lives in NC and it has been real good to hear from him. He was a non-bullshit officer and there was a standing offer to go outside and sort it out with anyone who didn't like what he was doing or the way he was doing it.

Bill "Heavy Drop" Maxwell is still his shy, bashful retiring self and is also in real good form, recently retired (again), enjoying his grandkids and kicking back after a career which included two tours in V Corps LRRPs, and two tours as a MACV Adviser in 'Nam. He retired after 21 years and then went out and bought a truck in which he did longhauls with flatbed, reefer, tanker and then dry bulk tanker trailers until he retired again in mid 2000. Says he always wanted to drive a road-train in Australia. C'mon down, Maxx. It can be arranged.

Lee Farley is also a guy who did two stints in the company, one as an NCO and the next as an officer. He arrived in Wildflecken in August 1961, one of the first five guys. He reckons Lt Robert C Murphy (no relation) was the first guy assigned to the company and they didn't do much until there were 30 people there. He went away to OCS in '62 and returned to the company in '63, eventually going to 'Nam.

Chet, Maxx, Lee, Norm, Tom and Garlon M Rogers are all on e-mail. If any company member wants their contact details, drop me a line on bobmurphy2@compuserve.com.

Former unit representatives for the company in the 75th Assn, Ron Kiser and Richard "Wolf" Herman (not SGM Red) have changed their e-mail addresses and not forwarded a new one. SOUND OFF, guys.

Hans Zaglauer has come good after his back operation

and is out and about hunting in Montana. He shared a room at the BDQ Ranger Adviser Reunion in Washington DC with ex-LRRP Andy Markivich in November. Ex-Patrol Leader Mike Martin was there as well.

Terry Roderick was in the company when it shifted from Germany to Ft Benning and he put me in contact with Walter Buchanan to get some stories from that era of the company.

Walter sure has some stories. He mentioned that one of the company's tasks at Benning was to run the "RVN Orientation" which gave the troops opportunities to run obstacle courses including a rope bridge Daniel Pope built. Walter says the course was an opportunity for the company to "run leggs through the bush and beat the shit out of them".

Half of them would fall off the bridge and the Captain would say, "Congratulations. You've just passed the Orientation", and tell them to always remain on their toes in 'Nam and expect the unexpected, never drop their guard.

Then they would all get in the back of their deuce and a halves and head for the barracks. "We used to ambush them on the way home in the back of the deuce and a halves. We used a LOT of det cord and artillery simulators on them."

Walter and Dan did a 'Nam tour together in C/75.

Does anyone have any photographs of the company taken during the Ft Benning era?

Unit Director Tom Brizendine is putting together a list of every person who was in the company from Wildflecken in '61 to Ft Hood in '74. Alan Campbell and I are helping him.

If anyone from the company wants a list of the names so they can give us a hand with more names, contact me on bobmurphy2@compuserve.com. If anyone has copies of any official company rosters, it would be great if you could scan them and e-mail them or post them to me at PO Box 111, Campbells Creek VIC 3451, AUSTRALIA. I will add whatever names aren't already on the list and post copies of the roster and the rosters or special orders to any company people on the net. You probably noticed by now that we are using the net

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By Tom Brizendine

for most company communications. It's by far the best way to exchange information, send photos and old documents and just chat. The 75th Assn has a real good website at <http://75thassoc.org/> and the company has its own listserver which you can reach through http://www.Airborne-Ranger.com/*ranger/index.html. You have to register for the server. If anyone has trouble, let me know.

Many LRRPs from V and VII Corps humped the Morse Code AN/TRC-77 radio with its 16 lb lead acid batteries all over central and southern Germany in the '60s.

Many of us in the "Killer" platoons thought we would be real vulnerable to Soviet Radio Direction Finders if we operated the TRC-77 without burst capability if we were behind their lines in the event of hostilities. It was especially annoying because our counterparts in Fernspahkompanie 300 in German III Korps did have burst capability.

But there WAS a high speed burst capability for the TRC-77 according to info sent to us by Richard McClung who was in the company at Ft Hood and, believe it or not, actually owns a TRC-77. The radio was built to transmit at 300wpm with a special "keyer board". It required the use of a special purpose cable CX-11389/TRC-77A which is mentioned in the original TRC-77 instruction manual TM115820-47312 (1965). Former LRRP CO Norm Carlton says the company was

already using TRC-77s when he got there in early 1962. He saw a demonstration of its burst capability but recalls that "it was not readily adaptable for boonie, night or adverse weather use".

I have just been assured by a senior LRRP NCO that "There were 6 burst transmitters at Gibbs locked up in the EDP (Emergency Defense Plan) Safe with the other classified equipment, to be issued prior to insertion in the event of hostilities." I hope their operating and instruction manual was good. Did anyone ever get trained on the burst transmitters? Let me know. This is interesting history.

Richard got the above information from one of the technicians who worked on the prototype radios. The TRC-77 was designed by the Army Signal Corps and built by Sylvania and later Arvin Military Systems. Thanks, Richard. Hope I got it right.

Hey guys. Remember, this column can only run the information we get. Please send us any news regarding members of the company, retirements, war stories, finding old buddies, reunions, incidents, accidents. Any old tales of the company from any era.

"Til next time, jokers. You're...
"QUEER IF YOU CAN'T TAP DANCE"

B/75 - C/58 LRP - VII CORPS LRRP

By Stanley Harrell

When our unit was first formed in 1961, we had a full one-year training cycle. Our training consisted of Morris code, each man in the unit had to be able to send and receive a minimum of (5) five words per minute no matter what their job. The radio operators in the patrols and commo PLT were required (15) fifteen words per minute.

We also had classes on identification of soviet equipment, the assembly and disassemble soviet weapons.

We maintained our jump proficiency with one jump per month. We also had classes on demolition training, while some of the team members studied the language of the country the team was targeted for.

We also had mountain training with repelling at the Neu-Ulm area. We also had classes on escape & evasion, ending with each patrol making a jump into different drop zones

from CH-34s around the Neu-Ulm area, then make their way down to Augsburg. There were elements of the 3rd INF Div. looking for them. This added some sense of reality.

We also had ski training. This training was ended with a cross-country ski trip from a place above Nue-Ulm down to Augsburg.

We also conducted field exercises with the VII Corp Headquarters. We were under the control of the Corp G-2. The unit also doubled as the Corp Headquarters Honor Guard.

We also trained with the 10th SF group and with the German Fallschermjaeger. The new year started and the cycle started all over again

C/75 - E/20 LRP

By Worth Bolton

Season's Greetings to all in the Ranger Family and Best Wishes for the New Year quickly coming at us!! Since the last edition there has been a lot of activity on several fronts, many of which no doubt will be mentioned elsewhere in this issue so I'll be brief. The Beret Issue has generated a lot of commo between and across many networks and I hope that if you have not gotten on the horn, emailed, snail-mailed, or otherwise assaulted anyone and everyone who can bring pressure to bear that you will do it now! The letters and communications that I have seen have been a tremendous testimony to the honor, pride, and esprit de corps that our Brotherhood brings to an issue when moved to action.

Congratulations to our Korean War Rangers on celebration of their 50th Anniversary and to the excellent Reunion they put together at Fort Benning in October. I had the privilege of representing our Unit with others from the membership and Board of Directors at the Ranger Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony where Ranger Ron Lesley demonstrated once again that he gives all of us a standard to measure up to that is hard to match. When we marched into the Memorial with the Nam Rangers, our 75th RRA Colors carried by a young 3rd Bat Ranger, we were led by Emmett Hildebran, current 75th RRA President, Terry Roderick, immediate-past 75th RRA President, Ranger Ron Lesley and Mrs. Ann (Sherman) Wolcott, Gold Star Mother of Ranger Rex Sherman. The ceremony itself was impressive and Ron received a grand applause with his impromptu remarks, concluding with "This Huntington's Disease may take my body and my mind but it will never take my Ranger Spirit...Hooooaahh!!". Regis Murphy (President) and Sam Pullara (Secretary) from our E/20th & C/75th Board of Directors attended the Induction along with about another 8-10 of our guys who made it down (wish I could name them all but I am

sure to leave someone out again!). Ron's wife Debbie, daughter Kim, son Nicholas, and grandson Chase along with several members of their family all attended on a beautiful, sunny, fall day. After the ceremony we all retreated to a local steakhouse (no tickets available for the Barbeque) and proceeded to do some serious damage to food and drink, joined by Emmett Hildebran, Mrs. Wolcott, and 6-8 other of our guys and their families. At the dinner, Sam Pullara introduced the original "First Shirt" of E/20th LRP, Frank Moore, who also joined us, and we all enjoyed Ron and his Family being there with us well into the evening.

While at Fort Benning, Emmett Hildebran arranged for us to present one of our newly minted Unit Challenge coins to CSM Doug Greenway from the First Battalion who was over from HAAF to attend the HOF Induction. Lazar Lazarov has done an outstanding job on getting these coins done and had sent one down to be presented to the SgtMajor from our Unit Association. In accepting the coin, SgtMaj. Greenway indicated that he would see that it was mounted in the Ranger Mess Hall at HAAF in Savannah. (By the way, if you don't have one yet you better get in touch with Sam Pullara because they are going like hot cakes and when these are gone there "ain't gone be no more". You can still get them in Gold, Silver, and Brass but don't wait around, some of the young Rangers have already started buying them up so don't get left out on this one!!)

On a final note we had a great Veteran's Day weekend at Dan Pope's place in Yatesville, Georgia November 10-13. Outstanding food and beverages, some young bloods from the 3rd Bat joined us, and the lies just keep getting better and better!! If you haven't made one of these, try to get it on the calendar for next year, it's worth the effort. Also get it down for 2001, E/20th (LRP) & C/75th (RGR)

Association Reunion at Fort Benning in July 2001. You really don't want to miss this one!!

It has been a good year for our Association and the hard work of the Board is paying off but we need you to get in touch with others and get them to join this "merry band of Brothers". I'll end until the next newsletter with every good wish to you and your families and friends in this season of good cheer. Thanks to the men of the 75th Ranger Battalions at Hunter, Benning and Lewis we really can say "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to all Men"!! Rangers Lead The Way!! Take care, God bless.
Worth Bolton, Unit Director - C/75th.

D/75

By John J. Kingeter

No Submission

E/75 - E/50 LRP - 9TH DIV LRRP

By Bob Copeland

Greetings to all unit members and their families! It seems only the other day that I wrote the last article but Christmas is coming and it is that time again! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2001!!! It's been an eventful year and for the most part exciting with the Black Beret issue being the downside of the 2000 celebration. I urge you all to contact your State, Federal and Local Representatives and express your support for the retention of the RANGER BLACK BERET for RANGERS and not as the standard headress of all U.S. Army Soldiers. We owe our support to the men of the 75th Ranger Regiment who have been ordered not to comment and to our fallen Warriors, not to accept this mandate which is to come in to effect in June 2001. We must do all that is possible, to cause the Chief Of Staff to revoke his decision to dishonor the past and present RANGERS, who have earned the right to wear the Black Beret. The Black Beret is a symbol that speaks to the DUTY, HONOR AND DEDICATION OF THE U.S. ARMY RANGER and a TRADITION that sets him out from all others who SERVE and are willing to make the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE for this great country, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!! We are joined by the Special Operations Community in the United States and throughout the Allied Forces Special Operations Communities worldwide, in protesting against this injustice to the U.S. ARMY RANGER. I believe I have stated the mission, now let's carry the fight to the objective and prove that right will prevail! Hooah!!!! RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!!!! I had the great honor of attending the 50th Anniversary and celebration of the Korean RANGER INFANTRY COMPANIES AIRBORNE at Ft Benning and must say it was outstanding! RICA set an example to be followed in organizing such an event. The turn out of Rangers from all eras was impressive and the activities and banquet were second to none! Well done RICA! Hooah! RLTW!!!! All Airborne Rangers, of all eras, were made to feel proud and recognized throughout this memorable event! It should be noted that the Memorial Service at the Ranger Memorial was moving and a glowing tribute to our fallen Warrior Comrades. The RANGER brotherhood lives on! Hooah! RLTW!!!! To all those Rangers who have been ill or have had family members who have been ill, we wish you and yours a speedy recovery. To all those who have lost a Ranger or another loved one, you have our heart felt sympathy and condolences! As Hilan Jones our Secretary/Treasurer searches for our missing unit members it is sad to note that some have passed on before they could be

located and reunited with the unit members, but, Jonesy has also found many whom he has successfully contacted who will be joining us at our next reunion. Jonesy will include a list of the deceased members of our unit in the next Unit Newsletter Memorial section and a list of those who have been located. Many thanks to Jonesy and all those who have actively sought out our missing unit members. Thanks also go to the 75th Ranger Regiment Assoc. for there help! REMEMBER THE 2001 REUNION 25-29 July 2001 Check the Reunion Section for the details. See you all there!!! REMEMBER TO SUPPORT YOUR UNIT AND ASSOCIATION!!!

Bob Copeland
Unit Director
RLTW!!!!

F/75

By Tomas G. Cahill

No Submission

G/75

By John Starnes

No Submission

H/75

By William T. Anton

10 April 1969 Tay Ninh area III corp Viet Nam

Dwight Duram Team Leader	(Awarded the Silver Star)
Paul I Alfaro ATL	(Awarded the Silver Star)
Jim Nelson RTO	(Awarded the Bronze Star)
White, Front scout	(Awarded the Bronze Star)
Jolin, extra man	(Awarded the Silver Star)
Loel Largent Rear scout	(Awarded the Silver Star)

I was assigned to team Three six as the ATL. The TL's name was Bull. There was Loel, Whitey from my old team and two cherries. Both Bull and Larry were short with just 24 and 25 days left in country. It was strange that they were still in the field, but I guess the CO had his favorites in the company. The TL did not say a lot. It might have been because he was short, and did not want to take the time to know me. Maybe he felt he was getting the short end of the stick from the CO. In fact he did not speak to me until the next day before our mission.

I heard good things about you from Spanky. I think everything will work out okay. I feel the same way Bull. Larry's my point man, he has been for twelve months. I hope you do not mind. "Mind? Bull, you are the TL, not me. It's whatever you want.

Tay Ninh was our next mission and because of all the action that was coming out of there I was a little apprehensive. "How do you want to work this?" Well, as I

spread out the map. I thought if we landed over here. We could work our way in towards this trail. Let's not waste time.

Let's just land next to the trail and go into the jungle right here" as he pointed with his finger on the map. I did not say a word. It was his team and he knew what he was doing.

That night we spent at base camp I did not sleep much. In the morning we were inserted. As we ran into the tree line we saw the trail, it had not been used. Going in an additional 25 feet, we stopped.

As we sat, out of the corner of my eye I saw movement. We then picked up after about ten minutes and moved further into the woodline.

It was there, we found the real trail. As we moved down the trail, we found foxholes with food and water next to them. The enemy had seen us come in and had moved back. I turned to look at the cherry. The weight of the pack was already making him fall behind. I then motioned for Bull to stop.

We continued to move slowly down the trail. As we came to a bend, they were waiting for us. Two of them were standing and not in position yet. I opened up on them with my M-16, placing my fire directly in their midsections. The initial return fire hit our radioman in the head. The bullet tore the left side of his skull exposing his brains. He fell forward. The rest of us had already hit the ground and were returning fire. Luckily we were in a small depression, so it was hard for the enemy to get a clear shot at us. Even though we were only twenty feet from them.

As I saw them move trying to get to a better position to fire at us, I put a round in them. We were fighting forty men, but they must have been raw recruits, because all of their rounds were going over our heads.

At that moment the radio man started to moan. Bull stopped firing to help the radio man. He placed a bandage around his head, not to stop the bleeding but to keep dirt

H/75 (CONTINUED)

By William T. Anton

from getting into the wound. I didn't think it was possible for him to still be alive.

As he moaned the enemy increased the tempo of their fire and direction. We were helpless as we watched him and could not give him anything for the pain. We tried to talk to him. We screamed at him. We did everything but hit him to keep him alive.

I turned around and somehow Loel was behind me laying on the ground.

The cherry was in the rear and dazed. He was not firing because we were in the front. Just then an RPG slammed into our position.

"Cover our rear and get that man up." He looked at me not knowing what to do. I yelled at him to turn around to protect our rear in case the enemy tried to out flank us. I looked at Loel and saw a bullet hole in the right side of his head, just above his ear. I turned and saw that Bull also had a bullet hole above his ear. I yelled at the cherry to look for a sniper in the trees, a red line appear across his cheek.

He turned his head, "I see him. I see him. He is in the trees". Well, shoot him, you asshole. He picked up the M-79 and shot just above the sniper. The explosion tore his head off and the body hung there. "I got him! I got him!" "Good. Now cover our rear. Whitey was on the radio calling for an extraction team.

Then the enemy decided to rush us. There were about ten of them and I think they wanted to take us alive. That was their mistake. I was shooting on instinct as I fired my rifle left to right they fell back. As if they hit an invisible wall.

In that instance I realized, I was surround in total darkness. I was aware but had the strange sensation of floating without sub-

stance, moving towards a light.

My first thoughts were of my parents, my brothers and sister. What is going to happen to them? Who is going to take care of them? The closer I floated towards the light, the brighter it became. I realized that this was death. Any thoughts of my family did not matter anymore. My life was over and I was dead.

Death did not want me at that moment and I returned. It seemed like hours but it had only been a fraction on a second. I was still fighting. I reached down and turned the URC-10 on. (The URC-10 is a beacon or locator if left on for five minutes, this was a code for the whole area to be bombed.)

Whitey saw a woman in black reaching for him and was shooting at her. I see death. I see death he yelled. Whitey, get down you asshole. You are going to get hit. Then the enemy stopped firing and he sat down. She is gone, Chief. She is gone. I knew they were going to attack us again, but from which direction? Whitey and I were the only ones fighting and had expended nearly all of our ammo. Whitey, get Bull's ammo. You take the right side. I then stripped Loel of his ammo and got ready.

"Talon three six, Talon three six, Blue Max two eight Lima." "Chief, Blue Max is on station." It had been 45 minutes of fighting and finally help had arrived.

"Two eight Lima, I am sending up a star cluster to mark our location." "Three six, roger. Got star cluster, be there in a minute. The enemy decided to attack us again. We were lucky that they did not change the direction and were still to our front. A B-40 RPG slammed into the trees behind us and two grenades landed five feet from me.

The explosion was close, but Bull's body was in front of me and

absorbed most of the concussion.

"Those fucking gooks are throwing grenades at them." This is two eight Lima, where do you want me to fire? "Lima this is three six, fire 360 degrees all around us." "Three six, how close?" "Lima, ten feet." "Three six, that's too close." Lima, do not worry about us. Just get them off our back.

Three six, mark your position. OK, three six stand by. The helicopter began to dive and opened up with his mini-gun. The jungle cowered as the deadly rain bent the vegetation. Deliberately he began to encircle us with his fire.

"How is that, three six?" "Closer, Lima, closer." The circle became smaller until the ground churned in front of us and the cries of the enemy echoed in the jungle as the mini-gun ran over them.

"Three six, I see thirty gooks leaving the area, I am going after them." "Lima let them go and cover our ass." "Sorry three six, but I see them in an open field and I am not going to let them get away."

"Sonofabitch! We are alone again. "Talon three six, this is dust off five five, over." "Five five this is three six." "Will be at your location in about four minutes, over." "Whitey, you and the cherry get Nelson on the dust off. I will cover for you. I looked to see how many rounds I had left, there were only three.

The radio man was placed on the med-evac helicopter and left. The extraction helicopter came to pick us up, but we were not going to leave Bull and Larry's bodies.

"Come with me" I said to the door gunner. He looked at me as if I was insane. "OK, give me your M-60." He did and I ran back to where the bodies were to wait for Whitey and the cherry. About a minute later they came and one of the pilots was with them. This

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By William T. Anton

beautiful sonofabitch came out of his helicopter and was helping us carry the bodies back. I could not believe it.

I heard the moans of the enemy that were still alive. I walked into the bushes and could see the pile of bodies as they lay there, the M-60 had a mind of its own as it opened up on the wound-

ed soldiers.

"Come on Chief, come on. They're dead, let's get out of here." I looked and the cherry was standing next to me. As we lifted off, an air strike started to hit the area we had just left. With my hand I reached down and turned off the URC-10.

Flying back to Tay Ninh, I

looked at the bodies thrown in a corner as if they were garbage. The tears began to drop from my eyes. Both Bull and Larry had less than a month left before they were to return home. It seemed a waste for them to die with so little time left. If I am going to die, I hope it's soon. I do not want to suffer anymore.

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By Roger Anderson

I'm sure this issue is going to be loaded with the issue of issuing berets to all the troops, and rightfully so. It's the present day Ranger's who have my sympathies, because they had to work so hard to get them. The men in the 1st battalion made me feel like it was all worth it and I am proud to associate with such a fine group of men. Everywhere I in Savannah young Rangers would stop what they were doing to shake my hand. Many of them were interested in war lessons learned and not war stories. Like there was a death in the family I have talked to several people who I haven't talked to in a while. So I guess there was a positive side.

But anyway in other business The Society of the First Infantry Division is going to have the names of our people listed on the Division memorial wall and stop treating us as Noble so aptly put it "Like redheaded step children."

I was going to talk to their executive director in Washington on Veterans Day, but I punched out a phony Vet before I got to see him. I made a successful E+E. Also I have a roster with 200 people on it but only 33 or so belong to this Association. Thus I'm going to be politicking in Indianapolis when I get a date, and it better not be in July because I'm going to Finland in July. That's all I got to say for now so keep your powder dry.

Roger Anderson, Unit Director

K/75

By Robert Stack

Greetings, Gentlemen: Well, if this Winter 2000 issue of Patrolling reaches you in time, I sincerely hope that all of you and yours had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday and my very best wishes to all of you and yours for a very Happy, Healthy, Prosperous and highly enjoyable Christmas season, as we've all definitely EARNED it!

In my Fall 2000 submission to Patrolling, the tail end of my article was inadvertently left out, so here it is again. This is for those of you who have a computer and are on the Internet (which Al Gore invented) and deals with some excellent websites about the 4th Division LRRP's and other related information. If you don't have a computer or you aren't "computer literate", just grab one of your kids and they'll do the rest. These websites are as follow:

Ron Coon's website <http://www.4thdivrangers.com>

Mike Lapolla's website

<http://www.telemet.okstate.edu/2bde/index/html>

Vietnam Veteran's wall

http://thevirtualwall.org/search/search_index.htm

<http://www.thevirtualwall.org>

75th Ranger Regiment Assoc. <http://www.75thrangers.org>

Pete Neves/Black Beret issue

<http://www.rangerblackberet.com/csapao.php3>

Stephen Maxner/Texas Tech U.

<http://www.lib.ttu.edu/vietnam>

With respect to the second from last web address from the MilSpecGroup which deals with the Ranger Black Beret, this is a currently raging and VERY HOT ISSUE! The current Chief of Staff of the Army, General Eric Shinseki, (a "tabbed" Ranger but no CIB) apparently stated during the October 17, 2000 meeting of the AUSA National Convention, "Over the years, the Army has made other uniform changes that required some period of adjustment for soldiers and supporters. In the early 80's, we went from a solid green uniform to the camouflage Battle Dress Uniform; we adopted a black pullover sweater and then changed to a button sweater with

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By Robert Stack

buttons; Army raincoats have changed; we did away with the khaki uniform. This aspect of the Army's transformation is similar". The "transformation" the good General referred to is **HAVING THE ENTIRE U.S. ARMY ADOPT THE RANGER BLACK BERET AS STANDARD HEADGEAR** by the time of the U.S. Army's birthday on June 14, 2001! The wearing of the Black beret would include, of course, those who are Cook/Bakers, Chaplain's Assistants, Male Nurses, Clerk/Typists, ROTC cadets and, yes, even those lowly 2nd Lieutenants! This guy Shinseki must want to open either a haberdasher's store in New York City or Miami or become a clothing designer when he ETS's, because this proposition flies directly in the face of Army Ranger HONOR, PRIDE, TRADITION & HERITAGE!

Please, all you readers, please **MAKE CONTACT** with as many loyal Americans as you can and solicit their support against the implementation of this flawed directive! Contact grandmothers, school kids, your elected representatives who approved the **APPOINTMENT** of this obviously misguided individual, the House Armed Services, Defense and Appropriations Committees in Washington, D.C., the Army Times, the American Legion, the VFW, the DAV, the Airborne Associations and, most especially, the **MEDIA** (radio, papers & T.V.)! **WE HAVE TO WIN THIS FIGHT!!!**

NOTE: General Shinseki (eric.shinseki@us.army.mil or Eric.Shinseki@HQDA.Army.Mil) has tasked the Command Sergeant Major of the Army, CSM Jack Tilley (jack.tilley@hqda.army.mil) with the implementation of this "Army wide Black Beret plan". The Secretary of the Army's address is as follows: Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army, 101 Army Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310-0101.

If, or when, you communicate with any of the aforementioned entities, please do it as a highly concerned former LRRP, LRP or Ranger who is a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. Finally on this, the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense are located at dod@rangerblackberet.com.

MINI REUNION: Moving to a more enjoyable subject, it has been expressed to me that the LRRP's, LRP's and RANGERS from K/75 should have an "off year" reunion and I think that's a great idea, however, the logistics of something like this are multiple and it is definitely NOT a one man job! There are lots of "West of the Mississippi" K/75 LRRP's who have said that they would like a "mini-reunion" to take place somewhere on the West Coast sometime in late summer 2001 and have suggested Reno, NV as a great location for this event to take place. I would appreciate your input on this subject, i.e. the location, the time frame, etc. and I can be reached at either my office address, my office telephone or my office email which are all listed below.

MISSING TEAMMATES: I would really like to locate

any of your missing teammates for you and can do that for just the costs my private investigation agency incurs (\$35. to \$40.) for each search as long as you have their names correctly spelled AND their Social Security Numbers. These names can be found on any orders you might have for your CIB, Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Army Commendation medal, etc. where these missing teammates names would also be found under the same orders for Awards & Decorations.

ARTICLES: I would really appreciate it if you were to take the time to submit to me any interesting stories of your Vietnam experiences; the humorous ones, the not so funny ones, contacts or firefights in which your life depended on your teammate(s) professional LRRP bearing, anecdotal stories and also any war pictures which you might like to have put up on the 75th Ranger Regiment Association website. Of course, they WILL be returned to you after they have been published on one of the excellent websites we have courtesy of Ron Coon and Mike Lapolla.

MEMBERSHIP: I am extremely desirous of making K/75 the BIGGEST and BEST of all the 75th RRA Units and I can only do this through your great assistance. If you know a teammate that you have kept in contact with over the years who is not a current member, make a photocopy of the Membership Application Form on the back of Patrolling which has your address block on it and mail it to him with a note expressing why you believe he should become a member of the 75th RRA and attend the bi-annual Reunions. There isn't one of you who can't afford the \$20.00 annual dues and, if YOU can, you should consider becoming a Life Member of the 75th RRA instead of paying annual dues every year.

ADDRESSES & EMAIL: Please let either me or the K/75 Treasurer Wayne Mitsch (770.446.3892 or wmkma@bellsouth.net) now your current address, telephone number and, most important, your email address, so that I have the capability to get something off to ALL of you in one fell swoop, or one swell foop, if the need ever arises. Well, that's about it for this one so, two down and six to go! Robert S. Stack, K/75 Unit Director 2000-2002, P.O. Box 611, San Anselmo, CA 94979-0611, 415.459.2030 (office & fax), icu@pacbell.net (email), Company A, 4th Aviation Battalion "Blackjack" slicks, company B "Gambler Guns" 1967/1968, 2nd Brigade, 4th Division LRRP's @ "The Oasis" 1968. Sua Sponte & RLW, Out

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By Randall White

Well gang, summer is over and for many of us we'll soon be shoveling snow. Here in da' U.P. of Michigan we already had our first batch of white stuff, 16 inches on October 7th. Ya' gotta' love it, to live in this part of the woods! It was a busy and fun summer. First the reunion at Campbell in June, then off to Savannah in July. I hope the overtime stays plentiful; it was an expensive couple months! Just when I thought I was done traveling for the year, I got an e-mail from Doug Quick. Doug was with C troop 2/17 Cav. and asked if I'd like to attend a reunion in Travis City, Michigan, on the weekend of September 23. Since I had friends that lived in the area, and had never met Doug in person, I said sure why not. It was the reunion of the 101st Assn. Michigan Chapter, and I made the five hour drive on a pleasant fall morning. I didn't know what to expect, but figured there'd be a dinner...and there was. I also figured I'd meet some of the W.W.II vets...and I did. A pleasant surprise was the number of book authors on hand. Fellow "yooper" George Koskimaki was there telling his stories and selling his latest book, "The Battered Bastards of Bastogne". George was General Maxwell Taylor's radio operator through the European Campaign, and one of the first to jump into Normandy. George put on a slide show presentation after dinner on Saturday night, showing many never before seen pictures of the 101st in W.W.II. During the viewing, I couldn't help but thinking what "tough old bastards" our predecessors were. He was also kind enough to sign the copy of his book I bought and donated a copy to the raffle held during the dinner. Another writer present was Donald Burgett, author of "Currahee", his latest, and "Seven Roads to Hell". He'll have a new one called "The Road to Arnhem" out soon. Again I coughed up the cash and bought a signed copy. Mark Bando was there and he's written four books on the 101st and 2nd Armor Division in W.W.II. His latest is called "Breakout at Normandy" and so I dug deep into my pockets, one last time, and found enough to buy one more book. Don and Mark rode to dinner with me on Friday night and it was a great way to get to learn more about them and their experiences. On the Vietnam side of the hall was an exhibit of uniforms, web gear and ruck sacks, all period perfect and ready for a mission, displayed on a mannequin. It seems that all the collectors want a bottle of insect repellent, but it has to be the white bottle we used back in Nam. All the later issues of bug juice were in O.D. green and aren't what they're looking for. There was even a neutered M-60 with linked ammo and a working AN-PRC25. These rucks and web gear were packed with C-rats and LRRP rations, full magazines and canteens, even claymores and clackers...practice ones of course! I'd forgotten how REALLY heavy all that gear was. Many of the Nam vets brought photo albums, and I looked at them all, seeing many familiar places. If you belong to the 101st Assn., check out a reunion in your State or area, it's well worth the trip to attend one and meet new people. For me it was an honor to meet the Veterans from the "Big War" and be allowed to sit and listen to their stories and memories. Some of the guys had even served in the same company, so many years ago. If you're not a member, consider joining, the 101st newsletter is worth the price of admission.

Speaking of joining associations, don't forget to get hooked up with the new 101st LRRP/Ranger Assn. that was formed last June at Campbell. Membership is now close to one hundred and another reunion will be held next year, the date to be determined soon. Contact Riley and Linda Cox, 111 Smoky Rock Rd., Bailey CO. 80421 phone: 303 838-4403, or see them membership form in this issue. This is the 101st unit association, covered under the umbrella of the 75th Ranger Assn. and dues are only \$15 a year, including the newsletter.

Something all members need to do is make sure your address and dues for the 75th Ranger Assn. are up to date. Unless this information is current, you'll run the risk of missing or being delayed your copy of Patrolling Magazine. It also helps everyone stay in touch if a member moves, dies, or needs assistance.

For those of you who are online, check out the L company web site, the address is at the bottom of this article. It's turning into a site for all former members to get in touch with each other, and a depository for our photos and online history. Ron and Julie Edwards are doing an excellent job of building an L company TOC.

Just a reminder: Billy Nix has some great T-shirts for sale. These are black with the L company scroll and 101st Eagle on the left front breast. Just \$15 and this includes mailing cost. Contact Billy at 637 Dover St., Marietta GA. 30066. Phone number 770 926-9677.

Now for an update on the L company unit history I've been working on. I now have 1:50,000 maps of all our A.O. in I Corps, compliments of David Ohle, to go along with about 9,000 pages of records and reports from the National Archives. I've built a log of all missions run from 1 January 69, through 1 January 71, and will finish 71 this winter. This log includes: insertion date and grids and call sign-team number, as well as extraction date and grids, and the size of the team. I have the team debriefing report for many of these missions that give the locations of most of the NDPs, and map overlays of the recon zone. I'm looking for the team members for all missions to add to the log, and any stories and photos they could make copies of. Team photos, to go with the missions would be great. If any former member wants information about a mission they were on, let me know and I'll see what I have. I'll provide copies of the records for that mission and a scan of the recon box, in return for their memories and story of that mission. I've gotten copies of everything the National Archive and the 101st Pratt Museum has on L company and the 2/17 Cav., but I know there's more out there. If you can provide copies of any records, I'd like to add those to the files I've built as well. General Ohle put me in touch with Personnel at St. Louis and I'll soon have records arriving from there, such as company rosters and morning reports. I've got a good working relationship with the pilots and aircrews from the Cav., and have gotten many of their stories about our missions from their point of view. I'd like to add the stories from L Company and the Cav., to the records for the missions and maps, and publish a complete unit history of all missions run during L Company's existence. I'd like your help and input. For you guys from 1st Bde. LRRPs and F-58 Inf., sorry but three years worth of records and

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By Randall White

research is enough for me. This amounts to about 900 missions. If someone wants help getting started on doing the same for the earlier years, let me know and I'll try to help. Starting next issue, I hope to start including some of these missions, photos and maps as part of this section of the Patrolling newsletter. Stay tuned in! RW

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RANGER COMMUNITY HAS TRAGICALLY LOST ONE OF OUR OWN

By Kodiak Daily Mirror (Edited)

The U S Army LRRP - LRP - Ranger community has tragically lost one of our own. Jim Venable (F/58 LRP & L/75 Ranger, 1967-68) was killed Thursday, October 26, 2000 in the crash of his privately owned aircraft in Alaska.

This is from the Kodiak Daily Mirror. (Edited)

Jim Venable was born in Astoria, Oregon on June 24, 1947 into a commercial fishing family. He came by his profession naturally. He learned to hunt and fish at an early age and was the oldest child of a family that lost it's father when Jim was eleven. Jim remained in Astoria with his mother and five siblings until he joined the Army after his high school graduation in 1966. Patriotic, he proudly went to Vietnam to fight communism during the worst year of the war.

Jim was a "recon man", a member of the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol, F Company, 58th (LRP) 101st Airborne Division, later known as the black berets. Eight days before his one year tour of duty was complete, Jim was seriously wounded while trying to get his team out of one of the worst battles the LRP's encountered during the Vietnam war, one which has become the subject of several books.

His wounds would have posed permanent limitations for most anyone else, but not for Jim. His greatest pain was the way fellow countrymen disrespected the loyal purpose for which he had risked his life. He married August 11, 1969, and three children were born within the early years of their marriage. Unsatisfied with jobs as a truck driver and his hobby of scuba diving, Jim and his wife Teri sold everything they owned and bought the Fishing Vessel Bold Pacific and moved to Kodiak, Alaska where they adopted a daughter, Ayla, now thirteen.

Jim is survived by Teri, his wife of 31 years, and their four children. Taun Lucas and James Venable both live in North Pole, Alaska, Johnnie Scarcello lives in Spirit Lake, Idaho and Ayla remains in Kodiak with her mother Teri. Jim was a man who lived and loved. If one word could be used to describe him, that word would be "generous". Generous of heart and generous of spirit and generous in giving. He is a man who knew the pains of life and turned them into opportunities, and he now has the greatest gift: freedom.

Cards and letters can be mailed to Teri Venable at 1296 Sargent Creek Road, Kodiak, Alaska.

L Comapny T-shirts for sale
\$15 each including mailing
Black with Eagle on breast

contact: Billy Nix phone: 404 926-967
637 Dover St.
Marietta, GA 30066



101st LRRP-Ranger Association
Membership Application

Please complete and return to the address at the bottom for membership. Annual dues are \$15, and include our news letter and our annual reunion information.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____
Unit Served With: _____ Dates: _____

Send membership to: Riley & Linda Cox, 111 Smoky Rock Rd., Bailey, CO. 80421
Phone: 303 838-4403

President: Ron Bourne
Vice President: Ken Miller
Secretary: Linda Cox
Treasure: Ken Fagel

Comments or additional information: _____

M/75**By Steve Houghton & Jack Fuche**

M/75 - 71st LRP - 199th LRRP
by Steve Houghton & Jack Fuche

Hello to all our Lrrp - Ranger brothers. Jack sends season greetings, and I'll add the hope that this article finds the units members in good health.

This is my first attempt at contributing to our unit's article.

I made contact with the association and our unit director, Jack Fuche a little over a year ago. Since that time, with Jack's help and a little detective work of my own, I have made contact with seven men who served with this unit, five that I personally served with some 31 years ago. It has been great establishing contact after all these years. I talked with Jack just this evening as we talked about this unit article. He informs me that I'm going to write it and have until Nov 15th to get it in to make the deadline, and tonight is the 13th! I thought we were friends Jack! Just kidding, it's my privilege to contribute. Jack walked point for me the first time I was team leader back in Nov or Dec 68. He saved us both, who knows what, by spotting a booby trap before we tripped the wire. We worked together then, and we're working together now. We talked tonight about recent developments in the association and our unit. We both in the last few days have made contact with Robert Smalinckas and Bob Sampson.

Robert and Bob both are sending me some photos to post on a web site that I have put together for our unit. Jack is finally getting me some photos and unit orders etc. to post also. Anyone out there who is online can check out my attempt at a web site for the unit at the following address: <http://escort68.tripod.com/71stLRP/> I have posted some photos of some of you and a story or two. I am looking for feed back to improve the site. I'm not to adept at this computer stuff, so it is probably a little crude, but it's a start. Jack and I think it's a step in the right direction for our unit, and I'm sure it will contribute to the growth of the Association. As a mater of fact I have two letters addressed on my desk tonight with applications enclosed to men I've located since my little web site adventure. Some of us have been dragged kicking and screaming into the computer age, but believe me it's worth it.

I've wondered for 30 plus years what happened to my LRRP brothers and in little over a year since I got online, I have made contact with David Wolfenbarger, Jack Fuche, Terrell Ross, Charlie Hunt, Peter Groom, and just last night, Robert Smalinckas and Bob Sampson. I tell you this is snowballing, and I'm excited about it. Jack said tonight, that he was going to have to get a personal computer and figure it out, and get online.

Now in the meantime, Jack and I have agreed that my email address will serve as the contact for the unit. Jack still is and always will be our unit coordinator, I'm just helping him out. I can see our unit in a years time, doubling in size. So if you're not on line, get online and help us out. Besides the Association reunions, I'd like to see a unit reunion for the 71st - M Co., and I don't think it should be that far away. As far as news goes, I have the addresses of Terrell Ross and Peter Groom. Neither has joined the association yet, but I'm working on them. Terrell was to be a first time Granddad this last July. If you remember these LRRPs and want their address, contact me through my email. Ill give it to you with their permission. Yeah, and speaking of Granddads.....my third granddaughter was born in Sept.

My.... and hence, our unit email address is as follows: (escort@pathwaynet.com)

Jack said we had to say something about the "Black Beret issue".

OK....give us a break! Don't we all want to be, as the Church Lady use to say on Saturday Night Live, "SPECIAL".

Well, try earning it, and don't insult those who did. Nuff said.

Well, that's it for this issue.

Steve Houghton
Jack Fuche consultant

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By Dave Gowen

173RD LRRP-74TH LRP-N/75 RANGER

My first order of business is to report to you on the recent Reunion at Savannah, GA, July 5 thru July 8. As I stated in the September issue of Patrolling, attendance by members of our Unit was light. In all, twelve of our members attended. They were as follows: Sid Smith, Pete Lynch, Pat Tadina, Hal Hermann, Tom Eckhoff, Bill Nissen, Russ Weyl, Dave Gowen, Dave Chaisson, Dave Cummings, Joe Keshlear and Roy Boatman. I hope we see more of you at the 2002 Reunion at Fort Benning. One of our own, Dave Cummings, will be coordinating that Reunion and I hope that we all support his efforts.

The highlight of the Reunion had to be the Ranger Ball held in downtown Savannah. The Ranger Punchbowl Ceremony was impressive with Rangers dressed in uniforms from the Revolutionary War until the present adding numerous spirits to the concoction. The punch was then shared by all. The only negative aspect of that punch was that the Vietnam era ingredient was Budweiser Beer. As far as I'm concerned, hell is a hot place with plenty of cold beer but all of it is Budweiser. Our other highpoint was dinner at the 1st Ranger Battalion Dining Hall. That's right, I said Dining Hall. Any resemblance to the mess halls you all remember is purely coincidental. The meal was excellent with items like steak, chicken, barbecued ribs, king crab legs and shrimp on the menu. I guess the only thing I can complain about is how expensive that meal was, \$3 per person. I wish I lived down there, I'd be trying to sneak into that place all of the time. Probably wouldn't work though. A fat, gray-haired old man just might stick out in a crowd of twenty-something Airborne Rangers.

There weren't any on-base demonstrations which was a disappointment but from previous experience I believe that will not be the case at Fort Benning. Present at the Reunion was Cindy Pangburn and her daughter. Cindy is the sister of Ray Reeves, KIA 11/19/68. Two other team members of that Mission were present, Russ Weyl and myself. Rich Dudley and Ernie Martinez who are also members of the Association were also on that Mission. The other two team members were Cameron McCallister, KIA at a later date and Mowery (first name unknown) from Johnstown, PA. If any of you have any information on Mowery, I would appreciate it.

Tommy Roubideaux

No doubt most of you received a letter from me seeking help on behalf of Tom. I am pleased to report that as of this writing we were able to raise \$705 on his behalf. A list of names who contributed will be given to Tommy without any amounts listed.

I want you all to know that I do not intend to make this a regular practice. Financial distress alone will never prompt me to approach our Membership for help. If I did that, fundraising would be a constant thing. In this case, I evaluated all of

the circumstances and came to the conclusion that I would leave it up to each individual member to decide if he wanted to help.

One point I want to make, is that if I see fit to attempt something similar in the future, none of you owes me any explanations. Your decisions are based upon many factors of which none of them are any of my business. I'm happy just to talk to you guys. I don't want to place you in a position that is uncomfortable for either of us.

KIA's

As I mentioned in the Unit Directors comments, we had the family of Ray Reeves at the last Reunion. One thing I would like to accomplish is to contact the family of each of our fallen brothers. At some point, I would like to invite a representative from each Family to our Reunion as a group. If any of you have any information on any of the families, please forward it to me. I already have information on Reeves and Rabel, but any of the others would be helpful.

Hall of Fame Nomination

Much to his dismay and after conferring with Captain James, I have decided to submit a package nominating Roy Boatman to the Ranger Hall of Fame. I have since found out this has been attempted before but as Unit Director Roy squashed it. All I've got to say to Roy is, Sorry old Chap, it's my job now.

In all seriousness, I believe that Roy is an excellent choice. Roy served several tours in Vietnam and in speaking with individuals with whom he ran, it is clear he was an outstanding soldier and team leader. Since the Formation of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, Roy has been a keystone of the organization. The key factor in my decision however, is Roy's drive-on, never quit Performance after the War. Despite the loss of his leg, Roy not only remained in the Army but was able to maintain his airborne status. That takes a special kind of Individual and this Hall is for Special Individuals. I look forward to any comments from our Membership on this Nomination.

Three Gun Shoot

I was recently invited to participate in a three gun shooting competition by one of our members, Mad Mountain Ruckman (Fletcher). The shoot was held in Nanticoke, PA at an old strip mining site. I was pleasantly surprised to see that another one of our own, John Jersey, was there. Jersey and Fletcher provided a number of toys for us to play with during off-hours. This area of Pennsylvania bears some resemblance to the Central Highlands and the sounds produced by their toys added a nostalgic feeling to the weekend.

After the previous twenty-five years of very little shooting, I

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By Dave Gowen

was happy to find that I can still hit targets but dismayed to discover just how slow I've gotten. Jersey could hit the targets and he still has speed. Ruckman just ran the thing and lied a lot. It was a lot of fun and I would recommend it to any of you who are so inclined. Needed for the competition are an automatic pistol (preferably over .40 cal), a twelve gauge shotgun and a semi-auto rifle. I believe Rucksack holds this thing every September. Give him a call if you are interested.

The following is a letter which I sent to General Shinseki, U.S. Army Chief of Staff. The letter deals with the Black Beret issue. If it seems somewhat disrespectful, I can assure you that it was written with a total lack of respect for the man but not for the office. Even if you accept the issuance of berets to all members of the Army, it is not necessary to steal one group's tradition to start another's. Other colors are available.

Dear General Shinseki,

Perhaps you are on to something. Allowing every soldier in the Army to wear a Black Beret may well have the desired effect of improving morale. But why stop there? The following is a list of additional measures which may further improve morale among the troops.

1. Upon graduation from A.I.T., allow soldiers to switch to a Green Beret.
2. All soldiers who serve overseas in an Infantry Unit or come within 500 yards of an Infantry Unit should be awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.
3. All soldiers who have to fly to a new station should be awarded Jump Wings.
4. All soldiers who fly on military aircraft will be awarded Flight Wings.
5. All soldiers may blouse their Class A Uniform Trousers.
6. Any soldier who passes a First Aid Course will be awarded the Combat Medics Badge.
7. Any injury suffered in training will result in a Purple Heart.
8. Any soldier who volunteers to be stationed in an area of the world considered hostile should receive a Bronze Star with a V device.
9. All soldiers who actually complete flight or parachute training should receive a Silver Star.
10. Award the Distinguished Service Cross to any soldier who ever actually comes under hostile fire.
11. Award the Medal of Honor to any soldier who returns

hostile fire.

Implementation of these measures will result in every soldier looking like Audie Murphy or Douglass MacArthur, within a year. What better way to Improve Morale? Any soldier who looks like Audie Murphy will surely act like Audie Murphy. Anybody with a hole in their ass knows that.

By implementing these policies, you will achieve what has become known in professional sports as parity. Some naysayers may call it mediocrity, but that's just negativity talking. Why strive to excel when being average is so special?

I know from first-hand experience that rewarding a few aggressive individuals can only come to no good. As a member of the 74th Inf. Detachment LRP and November Company 75th Rangers assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, I found it sickening how some men just seem to be capable of a higher level of sacrifice, aggressiveness and initiative. This should not be encouraged as it may lead to more of the same. By stripping an arrogant group of individuals such as Rangers, of their Black Beret, and giving it to every basic trainee, you put these conceited elitists in their rightful place. Every soldier should know that he is just as good as any old Army Ranger. So there is no reason to try to improve.

While you are at it, Sir, there are two other groups who probably send the wrong message to the other troops. Someone needs to put the Special Forces and Paratroopers in their place. By allowing them to continue to wear a different color beret, you will continue to foster the notion that perhaps there is something special about them. This may diminish that special feeling that the finance clerks get from their black beret. Perhaps replacing the green and maroon beret with a Garrison Cap turned 90 degrees to the side would be appropriate.

Last, but not least, could you please pass it on to the Navy Chief-of-Staff. That Gold Talon worn by Seals must be very upsetting to the other sailors. Perhaps all sailors should be authorized to wear one.

Insincerely yours,

David J. Gowen

Finally I must apologize for not issuing a Teams Newsletter yet. There are several reasons for this, but the main one is that I am computer challenged and have not yet mastered the program that Teams is set up in. I am now not only impressed by how much work Boatman had to do, but also by the fact that he must be some kind of bloody computer genius. I hope to issue my first Teams in January 2001.

Dave Gowen Unit Director

O/75

By Rickey N. Hogg

O/75th Ranger-78th LRP

Hi guys: I hope all of you had a nice Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Both holidays will have come and gone by the time you read this but I feel compelled to write something about our Company O veterans and those that gave their lives as a Ranger. It is not my intentions to criticize anyone or any unit.

I arrived at O Company Ranger in July of 1969. About this same time O Co. got a new 1st. Sgt., Jose Mendoza, and a new C.O., Capt. Patrick Downing. With them came a new area of operation. We were a small company that never had more than about 50 men in the company at any given time. We did however keep two teams in the field at all times and three teams most of the time. Everyone was full of piss and vinegar including myself and as gung ho as you can get. During the next four months we accomplish some good things including pulling off two successful snatch missions. All the teams were making contact on every mission and sometimes twice on the same mission. Being attached to the 3rd. Brigade of the 82nd. Airborne Division, we didn't have the resources that other Ranger companys had. We had to use what we could find. We were inserted into our ao's by walking, deuce and a halfs, Navy gun boats, and by chopper. There were very few choppers for us to use so we didn't get extracted after making contact, and just about every mission got extended because no choppers were available to extract us. We endured 100 degree temperatures just about every day and often gave out of water because of being extended.

We didn't have platoon sergeants or platoon leaders. There were no company formations, no KP duty, and no bunker guard duty. Our 1st. Sgt. and Co. Commander were not afraid to come into the company area and spend time with their men. There was a volley ball game every afternoon in which everybody played including the 1st. Sgt. and CO. We had a club house that we could watch movies when we could get one. There were even Donut Dollies from time to time. We were proud to be serving as a Ranger.

In Nov. Of 69, O Co. Ranger stood down for the last time and its colors returned to Ft. Bragg for deactivation. Most of us were assigned to other Ranger Companys. Most of us would never see each other again. We were awarded a small plaque for our efforts.

O Co. Ranger had five men that lost their life while serving as a Ranger. They now have a brick with their name on it at the Ranger Memorial.

While serving with O Co. we were not allowed to wear a beret or a Co. O scroll Patch on our shoulder. They let us wear a narrow blue and white long range patrol patch that didn't even have our unit name on it. We wore it with pride.

I have read recently in several books about some team leaders and platoon leaders that didn't want to send berets to the fam-

ilies of the men killed on their team because they had not been on enough missions to earn a beret. O Co. Ranger had five men killed in action. I don't know how many wounded. Their families were not sent a beret or scroll.

Some Ranger Companys in Vietnam were authorized to wear berets and some were not. I don't know why and I don't understand why. I have often wondered how many of the total number of Rangers that were killed in Vietnam had berets sent to their families.

Does a man with a Silver Star or even the metal of honor give more to earn a beret? These men have made the ultimate sacrifice. They gave all they had or ever will have. They gave their life for their unit and country. That is the real above and beyond the call of duty.

I have to this date never seen in writing any document authorizing the wearing of the beret or scroll by anyone but those that graduated from The Army Ranger School.

I'm quite sure every knows what is going on right now concerning the black beret. I hope everyone gets the message intended in this article. For some Vietnam Ranger Companys the fight for the beret didn't start nor will it end with the outcome of the present issue.

Remember our sick and disabled. Til next time Ricky Hogg
Unit Director

PALS

Phu Loi Post, South Vietnam late 1969

Tm 1/7 O Company 75th Rangers prior to insertion
Lam Thi Ly-8years old with Sgt. Bill (Teacup) Houser
Ly's father was a ARVN KIA. Her mom worked for PA&E at Phu Loi. Me being me, I sort of adopted her. I used to sneak her candy, a couple of Piasters, TP and stuff like that. In this case, I brought her a LRP flop hat, a poncho, and I gave her a Thai Budda to keep the evil spirits of war away. Language was no problem in that she spoke a little Vietnamese type English. I had 20 hours of the Vietnamese language before I hit Nam. SSG. Mot filled in the blanks in F-troop, so did the Chieu Hoi's in F-troop.

This photo was taken before my next to last mission. We were kneeling behind the duce & and _ that was to insert us. Within weeks of this photo, O Co. 75th was disbanded. I never saw the kid again.

I've always wondered if she survived. I've always wondered if she remembers her old pal Teacup. I'll never know.

P/75

By Riley C. Miller

No Submission

D/151

By Tom Blandford

On Labor Day, September 4, 2000, about a dozen of our unit attended the Indianapolis grave site of Lt. George Lawrence Kleiber and conducted a ceremony. He was killed in a helicopter crash outside our Long Binh base camp on September 4, 1969. In addition to the parents and family of Larry Kleiber, were members and spouses of D151 including Steve & Jane Justus, Phil & Sue Cravens, Chuck & Kay Eads, Jim & Linda Johnson, "Pappy" Hayes, Darrell Holder, Jon Ellis, Terry MacDonald, Doug Hagan, Dennis Wood, Gary Porter, Tim Ramey, me and my wife Ann.

We formed up in 2 columns and Pappy Hayes called us to attention.

Darrell Holder played TAPS on his trumpet. Pappy said aloud the names of those from our unit who died in Viet Nam as well as those who have passed away since our return. It became a very emotional experience when Chuck Eads related to us the remarkable story about the circumstances of the helicopter crash that killed Lt Kleiber and the crew. I'm sure it was worthwhile for the family to hear how Larry died. He was a good and brave soldier.

Chuck recalls, vividly, the details of that day. He was scheduled to ride that helicopter along with Lt. Jim Johnson. Instead, Lt Kleiber chose to ride because one of the duties for that mission was to replace a Ranger team's inoperative radio. The team was of Lt. Kleiber's third platoon and he felt responsible for his team. He told Lt Johnson that he wanted the mission and that he would be taking the newly assigned Lt Cummings in place of Chuck. After a successful mission, including replacing the radio, the helicopter was returning to

base when on its approach to the helipad the rear rotor flew off. The pilot, "Iron" Mike bravely maneuvered the craft to avoid crash landing into the barracks, which would have possibly caused multiple casualties but came down in the field adjacent to our area. Chuck watched from the helipad as the malfunction and crash occurred killing all aboard.

Others lost in that crash were Lt. Kenneth T. Cummings, who has just been assigned to our unit, and the crew of the "Annie Fannies", of the 117th AHC. "Iron" Mike Reitz and 2 others in the crew were due to go home within the month, the helicopter gunman was due to leave in 4 days. We all were extremely moved by the story and appreciated hearing it.

CHECK OUT THE WEB SITES

Other photos and information can be found on the 2 web sites for Co D 151.
www.geocities.com/151ranger/history.

www.msnhomepages.talkcity.com/nonprofitblvd/ng2990

A photo of Iron Mike can be seen at
<http://www2.thevirtualwall.org>
 Search for the last name "reitz", in the state section New York.

Excerpts from a letter from Ranger Darrell Holder to the organizing group of the Columbus Indiana "Welcome Home Parade" for Veterans that took place July 29, 2000.

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By Tom Blandford

On behalf of myself and the other members of Co. D (RANGER) 151st Inf., we would like to thank the people of Columbus and Bartholomew Co. who braved a rainy day (like many days in Vietnam) and came out for the Welcome Home parade. It was like nothing we have ever experienced!! I heard comments like "I've waited 30 years for this" "I never believed I could feel this." "I wish the whole Company could be here." "This is a once in a life time experience." "There are some not here that really needed this."

Almost from the time we started walking, people were clapping. It grew continually and continued long past the reviewing stand. The "Huey" arrived just as we got to the reviewing stand and all the Veterans, including the ones marching in front of us, had their hands in the air to call him in. All we needed to do was "pop smoke". It was just a 30 year old reaction.



MSG Bill Butler receiving the Ranger Hall of Fame medallion.

I saw many wet eyes as the crowd applauded, and it was not only from the rain. The applause was a tremendous show of respect all along the route. I have heard that word respect used many times over the years but I had never seen it or felt it in that way. It was not the kind of wild excitement that comes from the moment at a sporting event or the ticker tape parades of New York. It was an emotion radiating from the hearts of everyone along the

route. Believe me, It was being received and totally absorbed by all the Veterans marching. Again, Thanks to all who made this possible.

Darrell Holder
RANGER 43



The Ranger Hall of Fame medallion

To General Shinseki, Chief of Staff, United States Army

From Co D 151st Inf. Ranger/LRP Association

The members of the "Indiana Rangers", the only National Guard Infantry unit to serve in Viet Nam, calls your attention to the essence of being an elite unit of the United States Army. Few outward signs of distinction are necessary for a member of an elite unit to feel the pride of earning the right to belong to such a unit. The feeling of earned belonging comes from the dedicated work and comradeship of the physically and mentally demanding training and mission. That pride can be easily diminished though by the thoughtlessness of command officers. All too often the LRP/Rangers mission has been, and obviously is still today, misunderstood by desperate commanders.

Instead of "professionalizing" the Army units not now wearing berets, all you have done is demoralize the Rangers and embarrassed the soldiers who

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By Tom Blandford

know they may wear a black beret by default. Soldiers know that wearing another unit's color or insignia does not make them a part of that unit, yes it embarrasses them. Your "symbol" for Army excellence missed the target.

We call on you to honor the Rangers and the entire Army by rescinding your order to issue black berets to all Army soldiers.

REUNION INFORMATION

The date for our next reunion is August 10, 11 & 12 at Camp Atterbury.

Details to follow.

Pictures from Fort Benning



Part of the D 151 Ranger unit attending the ceremony. From Left Jim Bohanon, the arm of Gary Porter, Jim Rawlings and "Pappy" Hayes. Photo by Doug Hagan.

F/51

By Russell Dillon

First, I would like to say sorry about not having sent in any article for the last issue of Patrolling. Second, my name is Russell Dillon, I volunteered to take over the Unit Directors job that Dave Peace has had for a number of years. This happened in June while we were at Fort Bragg for our reunion and airborne week.

Some background on myself. I work steel construction out of Local 17, Cleveland, OH. I was assigned to F/51 LRP's when I first came in country in Sept '68 until they broke up the Company. I was shipped North to Quan Tri where I became part of P/75 Rangers until Aug '69, when I returned home.

I'm somewhat of a new guy when it comes to reunions.

I started attending reunions in '95, when F/51 had theirs in PA. It was good seeing everyone that was there, and was surprised that I could recognize a number of the guys. They were a little older, but were still recognizable. While at the reunion, I came to realize that these are good to have as it gets the guys together and can be part of a healing process for those that need it.

I talked to Chuck Morrow. He was in Commo and came into F/51 in Nov. and went up North with Ken Emmick and myself. Chuck is living in FA, in the country. He retired from the Army with 25 years of service. It was good talking to him and talking about guys we knew.

Don Hall e-mailed me that they are having a second

screening of a documentary he and his wife have been working on. The documentary has guys from F/51 in it. I haven't got a due date on it, but will let you know when I hear.

Back to the reunion in Fort Bragg, Bob Edwards was elected president; our reunions are going to be between the last two weekends of Sep. and the first two weeks in Oct. Our 2001 reunion as it stands now is in Vegas, times and place at a later date. If you want more information you can e-mail me at redmjd2@accnorwalk.com or landline at 440-839-2607.

Greetings, hope you all are well.

The lead in story is once again Don & Annette Hall's documentary film about none

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By Russell Dillon

other that 'us'. There was a preliminary screening of the film on 11 November in Bellvue WA. The two main newspapers of that area did a couple of articles on the film prior to viewing and gave it excellent press coverage. Quite a few of our people were present for the screening, including, but not limited to, Chico Hernandez, Gene Slyzuik, Mari Eastman, Dave Deshazo and sons, etc.

Everyone is soooo impressed!!! Other's present included people from other walks of life and found it to be a stirring and dramatic recount of our days during the war. All in all be advised by the 'Teacup' that all is really good with this film and I'm sure all of us are with the Halls in getting it to the rest of the country so that there is a testimonial to the way we fought, and really won, the Vietnam War.....(?) You know what I mean.....(I hope)

Other news:

Simone Butts advises that 1st Sgt Butts is still alive. (Hi Boss, I'm still out here to bug

you, forever) He celebrated his 65th Birthday on 22 October. She will be going to Ft. Bragg later this month to visit and check in for the rest of us. Keep the baby, Faith!!!

Gene Slyzuik has fully recovered from his hip surgery and is back playing hockey. Now, we all know Gene, next will probably be brain surgery! He's always needed that!

Joe Havrilla took some time off and went to AK with Ted Godwin and Slyzuik. Word is that Joe had to pay extra baggage fees for the weight of the fish he took back home to PA. Note to Joe: You're MIA far as I'm concerned. Tried to call you a couple hundred times!

Our brother 'Speedy' is still down there in Texas (God bless) and is all over the internet these days. Another sign of progress in the making!

Dave Peace checked in and he will be making a visit to his parents in DC. He will also stop and visit the 1sg while in route.

Chuck Luczynski advises that he is the proud father of a

soon to be ABN RANGER. Son Matt Luczynski completed Infantry School on 10 Nov, he started Jump School at Benning on 13/14 Nov. Following he will be assigned to a Ranger Battalion for further training, then, back to Benning for Ranger School. I have known son Matt Luczynski since before he was born. I wish to add my personal pride in achievements to date, and wish him slight winds and good landings. I'm sure he will continue to endeavor to persevere and will go 'All The Way' like the rest of us.

Next reunion will be in Las Vegas, start saving your travelin' cash now.

That's the latest that I know of. Again, if anyone has anything to add to this column so that others of us can keep informed, please write or call, or E me at the address's below. Bill 'Teacup' Houser: F/51 LRP to 0/75 Ranger 6100 S. Madison, Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 323-0031 E-mail: Teacup17@aol.com

1ST BN/75

By James P. Kinney

Greetings, Rangers past and present, old and new! Last issue our UD was vacant, and we did not have an article. After some regrouping, we are back in action, ready for the next mission, and standing by for further orders! HooRahhh!! I have assumed the UD position after CSM Bill Acebes has stepped down after doing it for some time. My deepest respect and admiration to Ranger Acebes for keeping our unit in the know. At the 75th RRA reunion in Savannah this past July, some of us in attendance discussed who will fill Ranger Acebes shoes as UD. Without any volunteers, or other willing Rangers forced by orders of death, we departed Savannah UD-less. When I saw the last issue of Patrolling without an article or UD from our unit, I contacted President Hiltbrand, and lo and behold, a UD was born. This is to serve us all guys, and I'm going to need your assistance, ideas, and support. Any suggestions on how to strengthen our unit within our organization, please contact me. One of our main priorities is to increase our membership. I will ask you all, if you are in contact with Ranger buddies, encourage them to join. This is our link to our heritage, history, and honor. We need never forget, who we are, where we came from, and help the Rangers of today and tomorrow carry on our illustrious traditions.

Some update, general info, and past poop from our reunion in Savannah, Ga. this past July. First, it was really remarkable returning to Savannah after over twenty years! I saw it through sober eyes (quite a difference from back then), and Savannah is really a nice city. The first thing that struck me was the airport. Hey folks, they have a real airport there. Nothing like the small county job I remember in the late 70's. New malls abound. The change has all been for the good. Savannah has really grown and progressed. It had all the appearances of a decent community. Yes, River St. is still there, alive and well I might add. I didn't see the Who's Who though. Who was it Who threw the smoke grenade in the Who's Who? A classical Whodunit!

This reunion was my first. Picture walking into a hotel meeting room and seeing a bunch of men who all look familiar in some way. Many of whom you never met before, but felt like you had known forever. Rangers are a special kind and it was evident at our reunion. Different groups were talking old times, catching up on current things, and meeting newcomers like myself. Our organization is based on a unit structure. I saw that some of the Ranger Company units have some serious organized structures in place, with a base following. Some of these guys have been doing this for a while gents, and we have to sooner or later follow suit. I mean these old-timers' are not taking prisoners. Unit T-shirts, officers for the respective units, large active involvement from unit members. Hey 1st. Batt! We got a lot of work to do!!

Some past 1st. Bn. Rangers in attendance. Dave Lewis, my former roommate in C Co. '78-'80. Dave later went back to 1st. Bn. participating in Grenada. He was one of the jumpmasters and earned a Bronze Star. Gene Peters, former C Co. legend. Many stories have been told about the man, and he made sure he repeated every one. Gene was a real pleasure to be with again. When he wasn't biting the Bn. Cdr.'s leg at Bn. PT, or wrestling with Captain Grange at our parties, or almost biting my nose off (as he did when we went to HALO school), he was a great guy to be around. Doc Sisk, medic from C Co., who later served with the other two Battalions and Regimental headquarters. Doc retired last year and we all wish him the best in his new found civilian life. I bumped into Ranger Morin on the post gym. He's one of Savannah's finest now. His brother (who's name escapes me) also a former C Co. member, is flying choppers for the Coast Guard somewhere. Doc Donovan was there, coming in on leave from Kosovo. He looked fit as ever. Former CSM Bill Acebes was there. I met him at the Saturday night banquet. We had never met prior. I had known of CSM Acebes. I guess I had to know the past Bn. CSM's, or got torn up at RIP if I didn't!! Thank God there weren't too many at that time! When we were introduced he told me he was a cook. I told him he must of cooked some hard eggs!! There were a couple of Rangers there who served in 1st. Bn. in the early 90's, and I tried to make of point of remembering their names, but I can't for beans recall them. Forgive me fellow Rangers, but let me know who you are, and I will include you in the next article. If I missed anyone else, forgive me also, and let me know for future reference.



L to R: Gene Peters, BG(R) David L. Grange, David Lewis, at the 75th RRA reunion in Savannah, GA. All were members of C 1/75th and participated in Operation Eagle Claw April 1980.

Which leads me to Brig. Gen. (Retired) David L. Grange. BG Grange was our company commander back in '78-'80. He turned down Major twice to stay with us too! This speaks volumes about the man! We were tasked then with Operation Eagle Claw, and then

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By James P. Kinney

Captain Grange (affectionately known by his troops as the "Hurricane") was seriously committed to accomplishing our assigned mission. He looked almost the same as he did then, and BG Grange too retired this past year. He was the main banquet speaker at the Ranger Ball held at the Savannah Civic Center. He spoke about adversity, and honored all the Rangers from the different conflicts, wars, and missions that we have participated in.

The 1st. Bn. put on a really nice show which included the famous Ranger Punch-bowl ceremony. LTC Votel and CSM Greenway did an outstanding job. The Rangers were extraordinary in that they look and act the same as we did 20 years or more passed. Even the barracks on HAAF looked the same as in 1980. The base theater is gone though. That's where some Rangers lifted a Georgia pine to be the Christmas tree at the infamous C Co. Christmas party of 1979. How many Rangers got arrested that weekend? We won't get into that this column.

The 1st. Bn. did a filming for a training video and except for the modern flavor heavy metal music in the background, you would think it was us again. Which by the way, I spoke to CSM Greenway recently and he informed me that they are planning a reunion in the summer of 2001 in Savannah, possibly June. Please do not confuse this with our association reunion scheduled for 2002 in Columbus, GA. LTC Votel has went on from 1st. Bn. to the War College, and is scheduled to be the new Regimental Commander next year. LTC Thomas succeeds him. We wish them, CSM Greenway, and all the present 1st. Bn. Rangers the best.

To outgoing President, Terry Roderick, thanks for keeping the flames kindling. Most of all a personal thanks, for making me feel welcomed at the reunion. Also to Roy Boatman, for your years of service to this organization. May we be lucky enough to find more like you. I believe we have. To our new and incoming President, Emmett Hiltibrand, thanks for welcoming me aboard. Our unit will work hard to make this thing work and prosper. And a special shout out to Somalian Rangers, John Burns, and David Floyd. It was a pleasure to meet and talk a bit with you's guys and the other Rangers too, that we had the opportunity to meet. RLTW,

James P. Kinney Unit Director

2ND BN/75

By Rich Hecht

Modern Ranger Gear and Equipment

In early October 2000, I had the privilege of a private showing of some of the current equipment and weapons of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Along with me was former C co squad leader and new Assoc. member, Erik Clarkson. Our hosts from the Second Battalion were, 1LT Jay Yancey, Sgt. Bryan Hammes and SSG. Marc Griffith.

The purpose of our visit was to check out the current gear of the rifleman. While much of the equipment has been brought on-line through normal upgrade procedures, much has been specifically designed for the rangers. Starting at the head is a new ballistic helmet that will replace the current army Kevlar. It is lighter in weight, has adjustable padding and a multi-point harness. It will come with a reversible cammo cover (woodland to desert) and a set of tactical headphones that will act as bionic ears to amplify quiet sounds and reduce the crack of gunfire.

Rangers can hook a mounting plate directly to the helmet onto which night vision devices can be attached. The NVD's can be flipped up out of the way when not needed. Every ranger is now issued some type of NVD, either the PVS-7 both eyes system or the PVS-14 one eye unit.

Next is the new ballistic body armor. Gone is the old flack

vest in favor of a police swat style assault vest. Introduced in the early 90's, this vest is credited with saving ranger lives dur-



Spec. Matt Richardson with new ballistic helmet, body armor with Rack pockets, M4 with ACOG, PEQ2 and tac-sling. Nomex gloves, black jungle boots, 65/35bdu.

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By Rich Hecht



Left to Right: Erik Clarkson, Spc. Matt Richardson, Rich Hecht (I'm not actually that short-5'9")

ing the mission in Somalia. The newest model is lighter in weight and feature rows of webbing on the front and back onto which the gear pockets from the new "LCE" can be attached. Calling the new system an LCE is incorrect as it is named the RACK (ranger assault carrying kit.)

The RACK is an AK-47 style chest rig that features removable pockets designed to carry rifle mags, NVD's, radios, etc. The RACK can be worn alone, over the armor or the pockets can be placed on the body armor depending on the needs of the mission. Rangers may also use Camelback drinking systems instead of canteens and a medium sized OD green day pack to carry additional items or ammo.

Other uniform items include the issue of fire-resistant



Sgt. Bryan Hammes with M249 SAW, modular handguards, Comp M, white light and M4 buttstock.

nomex gloves, all black jungle boots, Danner winter boots and the 65/35 blend, rip-stop uniform which replaces both the 100% cotton rip-stop and the heavier, winter weight BDU.

The latest rifle is the Colt M4 (Car-15) In design since the mid 80's, the ranger M4 features a removable carrying handle with a Weaver mount on the top of the receiver, a 14.5 inch barrel, a 3-point tactical sling and modular hand guards which allows the user to attach a wide assortment of accessories. Each M4 is equipped with either a Trijicon ACOG (advanced combat optical gunsight) or an Aimpoint Comp M M68ccos (close combat optical sight) red dot system which are mounted where the carrying handle goes.

These allow the shooter to keep both eyes open and quickly kill their targets day or night. Each has settings that allow



Spc. Matt Richardson, back view with accessory pockets and camelbak.

their use with night vision equipment. Also for use with night vision is the PEQ 2. Mounted behind the front sight, the PEQ 2 is both an infrared laser and an infrared spotlight. Most weapons are also mounted with a white light mini-flashlight. Some M4's are fitted with an improved and shortened M203 grenade launcher.

Some other weapon upgrades include, a shorter, para-trooper model M249 SAW, short shotguns for breaching doors, .50 cal sniper rifles and the M240G which replaced the M60.

The new rifemans' gear is the result of the Ranger's move "from the woods to the city," as four of the last five real-world deployments have been into primarily urban environments. It will allow better access to needed equipment in today's special operations urban battlefield, while still allowing for use in traditional ranger patrolling missions, something that can't be said for the old but reliable ALICE gear. Many standard army units (legs) are now issuing M4's, RACK style systems and Camelbaks. Proof that Rangers Lead the Way!

HQ, 75TH RR & 3RD BN 75TH

By Peter Squeglia

No Submission

3RD ID LRRP

By Michael McClintock

3rd Infantry Division LRRP Detachment

Mike McClintock, Unit Representative
Old soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division LRRP Detachment made quite a splash at Fort Bragg, NC during the week of July 19-21, 2000. The troops began arriving at Fort Bragg's Airborne Inn early Wednesday afternoon on July 19, 2000. The success of the reunion was the result of the hard work of Ed Jentz, Nick Caras, and Mike Tardif. They deserve our thanks, as do Maura Jentz, Elaine Caras and Peggy Tardif for putting up with their shenanigans. Thanks also to our host unit, F Company, 51st Infantry (Long Range Surveillance) and its CO, CPT Miller, and his impressively capable NCOs and men. Thanks too, to Tammy Dominski, a columnist for the Fayetteville Observer for her insightful and heartfelt article about what the reunion meant to us (below).

RECON UNIT REUNION ROUSING
Special to The Fayetteville Observer
Thursday, August 10, 2000

By Tammy Dominski

I got an invitation to a reunion of the 3rd Infantry Division Long Range Recon Patrol Detachment. They were the "Lurps," formed in November 1961 and disbanded in August 1964, back in the days before such things as night vision devices. They were organized to be the division's eyes and ears, to observe enemy movement and report findings back to Division Intelligence. 1st Lt. Edward M. Jentz, now a retired colonel, was their first detachment commander. They were based in Bad Kissingen, 20 miles from the East German border. The Berlin Wall went up in August 1961, and tensions were high. They knew if Russia started a war, their unit

would see it first. Even though the unit itself never saw combat, the possibility loomed over them, unseen and unspoken. And for some of those men, it was the hell of wars yet to come.

A Happy Reunion

But I digress. I went to the Airborne Inn and watched as the old Lurps gang reunited. Every few minutes I'd hear the yell of a comrade's name, followed by hugs and laughter. Some hadn't seen each other in more than 30 years. I could only imagine what it would be like to see friends again after so long. I caught up with them again on Friday at the St. Mere Eglise Drop Zone. F Company, 51st Infantry LRSD, attached to the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Bragg, put on an amazing capabilities exercise. Thankfully, no one was sitting near me during all that "hooah-ness," because I was literally goofy with excitement. I could see the look of knowing on the faces of the old Lurps gang and knew in my heart that if retirees could join a war, they'd all go without hesitation. There was a banquet Friday night. After dinner, Jentz read a list of awards held by some of the men during their military careers. It was staggering: 11 Combat Infantryman's Badges, five Silver Stars, six Bronze Stars for Valor, five Legions of Merit, 14 Purple Hearts, 16 Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals for Valor and foreign jump wings for which I cannot name all the countries. And the list didn't stop there. I sat across from Ken Bowyer, who retired after 24 years in the Army. Six of those years were spent in Vietnam. He alone held seven of the Purple Hearts I just mentioned, along with a Silver Star and five Bronze Stars for Valor. There was Ira Paul Duncan, who

fought in Korea before joining the unit and went on to serve two tours in Vietnam. There was also Mike Tardif, the unit's first 1st sergeant, who retired as a battalion command sergeant major. Just a couple of the many men whose stories I was privileged to hear while visiting with them.

Remembering Dead Soldiers

And I would be remiss if I did not mention those who are no longer with us, like Sgt. (Cliff) Mize, killed in action in 1967, near Pleiku, Vietnam. There was Jack Gamey, Bernard Frantz and Staff Sgt. Robert Schroeder, who trained Rangers for more than 25 years before he passed away in 1997. I'm sure they were there in spirit, looking down on their old friends and smiling.

My husband shook the hands of these honorable men, thanking them for the time they spent defending our country. I was too choked up to utter a word, being in the company of survivors of a time when there was so much uncertainty in our world. And they didn't hesitate a moment to be part of it. Heroes indeed.

They said I was invited because I wrote from the heart. I have memories of that time with them that will last me forever, and to them I say thank you. And as always, until my next adventure, hoo-ah.

Tammy Dominski

OLD LRRPs HONORED

At Friday night's reunion banquet three distinguished members of the 3rd ID LRRP Detachment were honored by their comrades. Ed Jentz presented retired SGM Ken Bowyer with a map of Vietnam showing where the various US units were stationed. Ken also received a special commemorative knife from Ed.

3RD ID LRRP (CONTINUED)

By Michael McClintock

Ken Bowyer's distinguished military career was chronicled in a previous edition of the 3rd ID LRRP-Letter. Suffice to say there is much for he, and his family and friends to be proud of. Ken's mother flew out from Arizona to be with him at the reunion, and was obviously quite proud of her son.

Jack Grant was also honored at the banquet for his personification of the Ranger Spirit and was awarded the MSG Robert H. Schroeder Award for Excellence by Mike McClintock. Sam

Jones also received the Wilbur G. Bowersox award. When informed that he had to keep it until the next reunion before he could pass it on, Sam said that "he didn't know if he would be able to wait!"

What a Terrific Reunion!

Ed Jentz wrote to say, "What a terrific reunion it was. So much emotion in so brief a time, so much laughter and fun, and so much a feeling of patriotism, such pride to see the result of our time together at Bad Kissingen now embodied in Company F, 51st Infantry.

The highlight for me was out on the St. Mere Eglise drop zone and seeing the enthusiasm and excitement in your faces as those young soldiers fast-rope, team extracted, and parachuted. No doubt that if asked we would have gone with them anywhere to kick whomever's butt needed such no change there from what you were 40 years ago. The highest gratitude from the "Boys of Bad Kissingen" to be such once again. My honor to have served with you and hold your friendship."

BDQ

By Mike Martin

Fellow Rangers and Co Vans:

The chill of the autumn weather engulfed the body, but no more than the slash across the earth by the black granite wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial... the maroon berets of the Vietnamese Rangers and their former Vietnamese Ranger Advisors stood—out in solemn contrast, among the colors of the season, like splashes of blood in battle as the Biet Dong Quan paid homage to their fallen comrades; and also celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of the BDQ as well as the 5th anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnamese Ranger and American Ranger Advisor Memorial in Arlington Cemetery on the Veteran's Day weekend, 11—12 November 2000, Washington, DC.

The occasion culminated with a Sunday brunch at the Fort Myer NCO Club, named in honor of Staff Sergeant William R. Spates Jr. who died while serving as an Advisor to the 23rd Vietnamese Ranger Battalion in 1965. We will have more on the reunion and memorial ceremony to include Rangers attending in the next issue of *Patrolling*.

A historical document that relates closely with the 40th anniversary of the Vietnamese Rangers is this article recognizing Colonel Lewis L. Millet as the first US Ranger Advisor. (Millet was awarded the Medal of Honor as the company commander of E Company, 27th Infantry Regiment when he led a bayonet assault up Hill 180, Soam—Ni Korea, February 7, 1951.) It is written by

Vi Anh of Sydney, Australia and the translation is by Nhu Quynh.

COLONEL LEWIS L. MILLET

On July 17, 1999, a dinner reception was hosted by the Vietnamese Ranger General Association in the United States to commemorate the thirty—nine years of existence of the Rangers. It was attended by a great number of American dignitaries—Senators, Congressmen, Mayors, Police Chiefs, and others... The Association introduced these dignitaries to the audience. In addition, the President of the Association presented a gift with a Ranger insignia to one special



The Ranger Advisor Reunion was the first time that these former members of the V Corps Long Range Company had all been together since 1964. R to L: Andy Markivich (52nd Ranger Bn), Hans Zaglauer (33rd Ranger Bn), and Mike Martin (32nd and 44th Ranger Battalion).

BDQ (CONTINUED)

By Mike Martin



At the Ranger Advisor Reunion Jim Mayo (6th Ranger Group) and Harris Parker (39th Ranger Battalion) enjoying themselves at the hospitality room.

American Advisor. I thought that all my comrades—in—arms who were present at this reception might not have known what this advisor had done to deserve this honor.

In 1960, I was appointed group leader of the Vietnamese Ranger School for Noncommissioned Officers (at Dong De, Nha Trang). At that time Major Millet was the Principal American Advisor of the school and also General Advisor for our group. Before his tour of duty in Vietnam, Major Millet was an elite American Ranger. Thus, when he was assigned as our advisor he was well qualified and very committed to help us. I remembered the chief of the American Military Mission to Vietnam in 1960, was General Williams. When he came to Nha Trang to inspect the American Establishment, Major Millet told me he would like to introduce the Vietnamese officer/instructors to the General. I asked him what was the reason for doing so. He replied that he wanted the general to know that the Vietnamese instructors had all graduated from the American Ranger School. This meant that all of us had achieved the ability to teach and train at the same level as the staff of the American Ranger School.

The American Special Forces taught the first Ranger training session, which lasted about one month and four days. Twelve officers participated as assistant instructors to prepare us for the second session at which time we would be assuming the role of full instructors. Sometimes, there were disagreements between the American forces and the Vietnamese officers over how things should be done. Major Millet, using his wisdom and competence, became our mediator.

Before the Ranger training center opened, not many were

aware of the Noncommissioned Officer School. But when the school became the training center for the Rangers, the Government and the Press started to notice. Visitors to the school included President Ngo Dinh Diem, Numerous Generals, many members of the Diplomatic Corps, military attachés and the reporters from the American news media such as: ABC, CBS, and NBC.

One day, Major Phan Trong Chinh, the first commanding officer of the Ranger Branch, after several visits, confided in me. He said, "I have visited three training centers of the Rangers; one at Da Nang, one at Song Mao, and one at Nha Trang—I have reason to believe that the one at Nha Trang was the best. I answered him, "the efforts to make this center a great success was the result of the sincere effort and tireless contributions of all the instructors, but the most significant contributions were attributed to Lieutenant Colonel Dang Van Son, commander of the school, and Major Millet, chief American Advisor." Then Major Chinh continued, "The Ranger is a branch of the Army but it doesn't have a training center of its own, instead, it has to go to three different training centers; I have asked General Headquarters to give the Rangers their own training center and they agreed." So go to Duc My, inspect the site and let me know.

The next day, Major Millet with some of the instructors and I, went to Duc My to scout the area. Unfortunately, after the inspection of Duc My, I hadn't reported to the commander



The Vietnamese Ranger Advisors laying a wreath at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. Carrying the wreath are Rangers George Horvath (23rd Ranger Bn) and Mike Martin (32nd and 44th Ranger Bns). To their rear are Rangers Lam Duy Tien and Tom Henry (Ranger Training Center) and General Do Ke Ghai, the last Commander of Vietnamese Ranger Forces.

BDQ (CONTINUED)

By Mike Martin

yet, and a coup d'état took place that year (1960). Colonel Lam—Son replaced Major Phan Trong Chinh. The details of the establishment of the training center are not the subject of this article. From the beginning the Duc My Ranger center had its problems, but Major Millet always provided significant help in solving them.

During World War II (1941—1945) Col. Millet had volunteered as an army reservist in the state of Massachusetts. Then he enlisted in the Canadian Army to fight in Europe. During this time he was a forward observer in the North African and Italian fronts. Later he transferred to the US Army and received an award for bravery from General Mark Clark.

During the Korean War (1950—1954) he was assigned as the company commander of E Company, 27th Inf. Regt. (the Wolfhounds). Because of his valor in hand-to-hand combat with the North Korean Communists he was awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest award in the military. To this day he is regarded as the honorable leader of the Wolfhounds.

Before his duty in Vietnam, he was the Commander of the RECONDO School of the 101st Airborne Division. This school was the model course for all the unit leaders of the Division. His first duty in Vietnam was as the Senior Advisor of the Noncommissioned Officer training center at Nha Trang. Simultaneously, he was the Advisor to the Ranger Program of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam. In addition, he was the Advisor to the Rangers of the Royal Armed Forces of Laos. He had been promoted to Colonel when he served his second tour in Vietnam. At that time he was assigned as Assistant Advisor to the Army Corps, responsible for the Phoenix Program.

It had been thirty-four years since I had last seen Colonel Millet. On this occasion, the thirty-ninth anniversary of the establishment of the Rangers, I suggested to the President of the Vietnamese Ranger Association that all former American Advisors who had helped the Rangers.—Biet Dong Quan—since day one, should be invited. During the dinner, Colonel Millet spoke; it was his feelings that as a soldier, the US Government should not have abandoned Vietnam, and he apologized. When he returned to his seat, he said to me, "there are Senators and Congressmen sitting at the next table who don't seem to agree with my comments, but I say what I think."

Then he smiled, the understanding smile that gave me the same feeling of confidence, trust and respect that I had when I was talking with him at the training center in Duc My, thirty-four years ago. Time passes quickly, we both have white hair now. Sometimes I think to myself, if the American pub-

lic and the US politicians were as understanding and supportive as Colonel Lewis L. Millet was, the infamous day of April 30, 1975 would never have happened!

EVENTS, WARNING ORDERS AND SITREPS

Reunions: The Rudder Ranger Camp, at Fort Walton, FL is planning their Open House/Anniversary, April 19—21, 2001.

History: Advisors SFC Wilbur Dunlap, Capt. Morris McBride, and Pvt. Charles Moore—advisors to the Vietnamese Rangers and killed in action at various times in 1964, are in stories in the book Vietnam Military Lore—Legends, Shadows and Heroes by MSG(Ret) Ray Bows from Bows and Sons Publishing.

Co Vans: BDQ Doug Perry was selected as a Distinguished Member of the Ranger Training Brigade. Many of you know Doug from his tours as an instructor at the Mountain Ranger Camp. Our berets are "off" to you Doug.

BDQ Alfred Hill, classification counselor, Department of Corrections, Washington state; due to a letter from Hill to the Secretary of the Dept. of Corrections making him aware of the law on flying and displaying of the POW/MIA Flag, the Flag is now flown/displayed at all correctional facilities in the state of Washington. We will have a photo in the next issue. Great work Al!

Ranger Hall of Fame: The BDQs have submitted Ranger John D. Minatra for the RHOF. John served as an Advisor to the 11th BDQ Battalion in 1964 and as an Advisor to the Vietnam Airborne Division in 1967. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action at Dak To. He has also received two Bronze Stars with V's and the ARCOM with V device and the Purple Heart. John served several tours in the Mountain Camp as an instructor. Big John is one hell of a soldier...

For the warrior there is no thing more
blessed than a lawful strife.
Happy the warriors who find such a strife
coming unsought to them as an open
door to Paradise.
——Bhagavadgita, II, 31 and 32

"SHOOT LOW—I'll see you on the High Ground."

Mu Nau Mike Martin, Unit Director

REUNIONS

F/51 LRP, P/75 REUNION

The 2001 reunion will be Oct 21-26 or 27. The extra day should not bother anyone as there is a lot to see and do around Vegas besides gamble.

Location is Las Vegas, NV
Russ Dillon, Unit Director

D/151 REUNION

The 2001 reunion will be Aug. 10-12, with the dinner being on the 11. Location is Camp Atterbury, near Columbus IN. Tom Blandford, Unit Director

H/75

The 2001 reunion will be 13-17 June 2001 in Killeen, Texas. H/75 had its annual meeting in conjunction with the 1st Cavalry Division. † Newly elected officers for our Unit for 2000-2002 are:

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wta@clark.net

From the Officers and men of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, we say congratulations and welcome aboard. We hope to have a wonderful working relationship in the years to come. If we can be of any assistance please let us know.

Emmett W. Hiltibrand - President
75th Ranger Regiment Association
Bill Anton, Unit Director

BDQ REUNION

Time frame 10 - 12 November 2000
Location is Washington, DC
Mike Martin, Unit Director

C/75 REUNION

Tentative dates will coincide with the Regimental change of command. † Regimental mass tactical jump 23 July 2001. † Regimental change of command 26 July 2001. † Location is Ft. Benning GA.

Worth Bolton, C/75 Unit Director

E/75 REUNION

Our next reunion will be 25-29 July 2001, Hotel Suites and Rooms, Federal Way, WA, 1-800-583-2272, Holidayfedsales@aol.com. Reservations by 4 July 2001, \$89.00 per night and transportation to Hotel from airport.
Bob Copeland, Unit Director E/75

CHAPLINS CORNER

By Ralph "Skip" Resch Jr.

SHALOM "Peace Be With You"

With all the things that we center our lives around, I pray that God is one of your priorities. I pray that the Lord is with you while you accomplish the mission that you are or were given while on active duty, that you also accomplish the mission that you were given by God. In the previous articles I've talked about following in the footsteps of the Lord and staying on the path with him. Here is an article that takes the popular "Footprints in the Sand" and gives it a Twist!

In a dream, you imagine you and the Lord Jesus are walking down the road together. For much of the way, the Lord's footprints go along steadily, consistently, rarely varying the pace. But, your footprints are a disorganized stream of zigzags, starts, stops, turnarounds, circles, departures and returns.

For much of the way, it seems to go like this, but gradually your footprints come more in line with the Lord's, soon paralleling His consistently. You and Jesus are walking as true friends! This seems perfect, but then an interesting thing happens:

Your footprints that once etched the sand next to Jesus' are now walking precisely in His steps. Inside His larger footprints are your smaller ones, safely you and Jesus are becoming one. This goes on for many miles, but gradually you notice another change. The smaller footprints inside the large footprints seem to grow larger. Eventually they disappear altogether. There is only one set of footprints, they have become one. This goes on for a long time, but suddenly the second set of footprints is back. This time it seems even worse! Zigzags all over the place. Stops.... Starts...Deep gashes in the sand. A veritable mess of prints. You are amazed and shocked. Your dream ends.

Now you pray, "Lord, I understand the first scene with zigzags and fits. I was a new Christian; I was just learning. But you walked on through the storm and helped me learn to walk with you." The Lord replies, "That is correct." "And when the smaller footprints were inside of Yours, I was actually learning to walk in your steps; and followed you very closely." "Very good, you have understood everything so far." "...When the smaller footprints grew and filled in Yours, I suppose that I was becoming like you in every way." "Precisely."

"So, Lord, was there a regression or something? The footprints separated, and this time it was worse than at first." There is a pause as the Lord answers with a smile in His voice. "You didn't know? That was when we Danced."

I hope, you will remember to put the "CHRIST" in Christmas. I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ralph "SKIP" Resch Jr.
Ranger Chaplain
75th Ranger Regiment

USS COLE

Let take a moment to pray for our fallen comrades in arms, the sailors and soldiers who serve aboard the destroyer, USS Cole. Dear Lord, we ask that you be with the sailors and soldiers who have died that they are now in your presence and are at peace. We ask that you quickly heal the living that have been injured and are suffering from their wounds. Your sheep that are lost to us, are not lost to you, Lord, you know where they are and give them comfort. Be with the families of these service members, comfort their losses and pain and give them the strength during their grieving process. And give them the understanding that because of the sacrifice of those aboard the USS Cole our country remains free. Lord, thy will be done. AMEN

MISCELLANEOUS

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The 75th Ranger Regiment Association would like to express its thanks and gratitude to member John Harter for making to possible to issue our membership cards. He and his staff at Plastic Cards Unlimited generously donate their time and resources to provide us with the membership cards you have received in the past and continue to provide them for new members.

Thank you John.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ACTIVE DUTY PROMOTIONS

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SFC	Gregory Tomas	1 Sept. 2000	Regt. Headquarters

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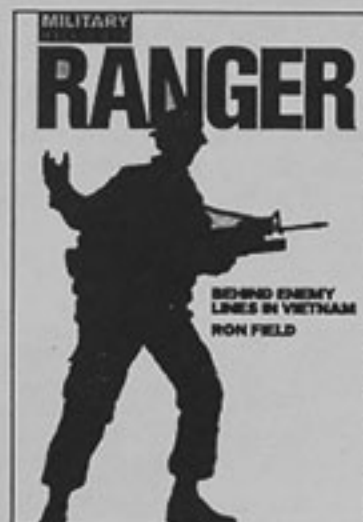


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Darryl Parks	1st Batt 75th	Christopher Koch	1st Batt 75th
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We have not been able to contact the following members of our Association. The cards and magazines we sent to them came back to us with no forwarding address on record. If you know where the following members currently reside, please let us know so we can keep in touch with the members and get their Patrolling issues to them. Please remember to drop me a note any time you have a change of address. Thanks, Ron Edwards

NAME	UNIT	OLD ADDRESS
Christopher Rolland	Affiliate member	Engelwood, Co
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The Color Guard of the Biet Dong Quan (BDQ) at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial
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