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RANGERS BUDDIES

Four months ago I received my issue of PATROLLING (June issue). A Ranger from C/2/75 had written an article about how he was hurt in the jump on Rio Hato. He stated that he was looking for a fellow Ranger who had given him a dip of Copenhagen in the hospital at Wilfred Hall. I read his article and instantly knew that he was talking about me. I remembered going to his room and giving him the dip. At the time I thought it was the only thing I could do for him. I realized that it wasn't much and that frustrated me. It made me so happy to hear that he is well again and that he remembers me visiting him. It made me realize that even the smallest of gestures is remembered. I still wish that I could have done more for him at the time. Anyway, I read his article and wrote him back within 10 minutes. I've been out of the Army and Rangers for a few years, but I still keep in touch with my "RANGER BUDDIES". I'm very happy there is an organization like ours, that keeps me updated on Rangers and aids in keeping in touch with fellow Rangers. Having been out of the Rangers for a few years hasn't dulled my sense of pride. If anything it has shown me that Rangers are a special group of guys and I have made life long buddies. I also ask that if any Ranger has orders for the combat wings with my name on them that he send me a copy. I jumped into Torrijos Tocumen with C/3/75 and I was never given a copy of my orders. Also, I'm trying to locate my old Wpns Squad Leader from the 3rd Platoon (SFC Timothy P. Donald. Kyle A. Kelley C/3/75 Eds Note Address was sent: Rangers helping Rangers is what an Association is all about.

WHAT'S DUKE DOING?

Duke DuShane, former VP and resident artist for our association continues his outstanding efforts on behalf of the 75th Ranger Regiment Association. The following is a short summary of his activities. The first event I attended was the 5th RGR Training Bn (Dahlonega, GA) demonstration and open house, all the Rgr Assn's representatives were present and were treated as VIP's. Lt Col Pentecost CO), RGR Fran Coughlin & RGR Tom Herring (WWII RGR Bn's), RGR Phil Piazza &

RGR George Ward (CBI), RGR Logan Weston (Merrills Maurauders & RGR Hall of Fame), myself and wife Marion. The next day we went out to Camp Frank D. Merrill where numerous events & demonstrations were scheduled. Everything went like clock work except for the shuttle bus. It was delayed, so in true Ranger fashion I decided to walk through the woods down the mountain back to the hotel and like a good Ranger's wife, Marion was right there beside me (well, not too far behind). Bob Gilbert (Former Pres) also showed up on this day. Lt. Col. Pentecost and his cadre did an outstanding job and a good time was had by all. On 11 August I attended the change of command of the Ranger Training Brigade. Col. John J. Maher is going to Ft. Lewis, Washington. (He will be working for Roy Boatman's former Commander in Vietnam (1965), Lt. Gen Carmen Cavezza) Everyone hated to see Col. Maher leave, it has been a pleasure working with him and getting to know him. On the 12th of August I represented the Assn. at the Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP) graduation. Our Assn. awards a plaque to the honor graduate in the name of James A. Champion, POW-MIA Vietnam. CSM Leon-Guerrero invited me to speak informally to the class which I did and we then moved to the site of the ceremonies. The Sgt Major asked me to troop the line with him and speak and shake hands with all the graduates. I let each one of them know that the Assn. is proud of them. After they were dismissed the Sgt Major called the cadre to attention and dropped them for the area not being up to standards. This included a First Sergeant, two E-7's and several E-6's. While they were knocking out 75 pushups the Sgt Major asked me to join them. With back straight I dropped and knocked out 25 with the cadre looking on. I stayed in position until he yelled for me to recover. The RSM then invited me to Hq's for a cup of coffee. He then invited me to be the quest speaker at the next graduation. The class started with 146 and graduated 44. I told them that many years ago I had the privilege of standing with 61 brave, motivated, and dedicated young men and asked, "where are those young men today"? They are standing before me now! On 18 August I

attended the Change of Command for the Long Range Surveillance Leadership Course (LRSU), the new commander is Cpt. McBride coming from the 82d LRSU Detachment. On the 21st of August I attended the NCO and soldier of the year competition for the 75th Ranger Regiment. I presented a one year membership and \$50.00 dollar savings bond to the winners on behalf of the Assn. (See article this issue).

DUKE DUSHANE P/75

SENSOR EMPLACEMENTS

In the first part of Nov. 1968, the 173rd Abn Bde received the mission of implanting seismic intrusion devices along known or suspected lines of infiltration (Operation "DUFFEL BAG") as part of the intelligence gathering mission. MAJ. Stang (S-2), assigned this mission to the 74th Inf. Det (LRP) and particularly myself. He was aware that I had implanted these devices in Laos along the Ho Chi Minh trail (Operation "IGLOO WHITE") IN 1962. The 74th LRP Commander (R.D. James) gave me the mission of training the teams on the implanting of these devices. After a reasonable period of time the teams were trained and we were given the mission of infiltrating an area just east of the infamous An Khe pass (A traditional ambush area along QL 19). This area had been used for years by the NVA/VC to ambush the convovs from Ouin Nhon to An Khe and on to Plieku. We moved by truck to a FSB (Fire Support Base) and spent the first night under the tubes of 175mm Guns covering our ears and screaming every time the guns fired. The concussion was deafening. Bells would sound and guns would fire, the FDC (Fire Direction Control) had told us the best way to protect our hearing was to cover your ears and scream, a difficult task for LURP's as we survived by our noise discipline. The next evening at last light we moved out on foot to the implant area. Arriving at approximately 0300 Hrs. We were going to wait until first light to implant the sensors before the convoy was due to arrive between 0730 - 0900. After setting up the NL (Night Lager) we heard movement all around us and the sounds of digging. A reinforced NVA company had moved into position with us and we had become part of the ambush site. We could not communicate with our radio relay as the NVA were very, very close. The other team was 20 meters away and there were NVA between us. We had notified our relay by breaking squelch that we had a problem, they were going to send out a chopper at first light. I made a decision to initiate contact with the NVA as soon as the helicopter showed up. Didn't have much choice, either the NVA would notice us or the convoy would come along and they would fire us up along with the artillery and gunships. There was a NVA two man position fifteen feet away and they were our first targets. As the helicopter came on station we opened fire in a 360 degree circle and then all hell broke loose. There were dinks every where and the only cover was towards the rear of the NVA. The RTO told me gunships were on the way from An Khe as we moved towards a hootch. The gunships asked where we

located and to pop smoke, I did so just as the roof flew off the hootch and a tripodded 51 cal. machine gun opened up on the gunships. I looked up to see a funny looking helicopter on final gun run directly at the hootch and my smoke. I watched in amazement as these funny looking whop whops spewed out rounds from mini guns, 40mm grenades and rockets that tore up the earth! Cobra's were new to the area and definitely new to us. We were used to the old B and C model gunships. The NVA withdrew and we linked up with the other team. We had 5 wounded, mostly from the Cobras firing close air support. We were extracted and went directly to An Khe where the wounded were treated as we watched. One man decided he didn't want any REMF medic stitching up the eight inch gash he had in his left buttock and asked his team leader to stitch it up. After a couple of very unprofessional stitches and much pain he asked for the medic to finish the job. Cpt. James was now present and I asked him what the hell kind of secret weapon those whop whops were. We did have classes on the fire power capabilities of the Cobra gunship shortly there after. This story is just an example of the many missions the LRRP/LRP/RANGERS were called upon to perform under conditions much less than ideal! The modern RANGERS of the Regiment are now required to have expertise way beyond that of the Vietnam Era Ranger. Their familiarity of the weapons systems and electronic gadgets of today is impressive. This story is the recollections of Jim Fowler, Rick Hanbury, Charley Kankel, R.D. James and Roy Boatman 74th LRP. ROY BOATMAN 74th LRP

RANGERS RETURN TO VIETNAM

On 9 July 1992, 4 Rangers from C/75 and 2 Paratroopers from the 173d gathered for a trip to Vietnam. We left for the fourteen hour trip to Hong Kong. This long trip left a lot of time for thinking, much like the last trip 22 years ago. We left for Vietnam the next day and Larry Smith had become seperated from the rest of us. The two hour trip was filled with anxiety, the plane had a smoking engine and smoke also filled the cabin and water was dripping from the ceiling. All of this and we were all wondering what the changes in the Vietnemese people and ourselves would show. The five of us landed at Ton Son Nhut and as the door opened we left for Ho Chi Minh City with mixed feelings on what we would find. We spent three days in the city and bumped into the person who became seperated in Hong Kong. He had a job teaching in country for the next two weeks. We traveled to Vung Tau, Bien Hoa, Dalat (is still beautiful), Phan Rang and Quinhon. Quinhon was in country R&R for many of us and we remembered it fondly. After spending the night in Quinhon, we were up at 6 AM with packed rucks and ready to go to An Khe when John Leppleman and Ken Laplore informed the rest of us that they were staying behind due to travel exhaustion. Carlos, Jesus and myself started out for An Khe with our three Vietnemese friends. We stopped at the infamous An Khe pass which is overgrown with vegetation and on to An Khe where the only

vegetation and on to An Khe where the only thing we could recognize was Hong Kong mountain. No military base, just the mountain Later that afternoon we headed up highway I to Bong Son. We arrived a few hours before dark and walked down the main street. The people, for the most part, were very happy to see us. We wore our berets and T-Shirts. Most of the people remembered the 173d with good memories except for the occasional VC One old VC told us that he was still bitter because we killed so many of his friends and people. He stated the VC called the Herd "The Nails" because they couldn't run the Brigade out of the area. At another time, he would have seen Budda as far as I was concerned. There is a large VC cemetary just north of LZ English and one cemetary in Chu Lai has 10,000 marked VC graves. We traveled to where LZ English was and the only thing left was part of the old airstrip. We flew the American Flag and the 173rd Colors at this location. We then traveled to LZ Uplift but the only thing left there are some old shell casings and barbed wire. We headed back to Quinhon and picked up the two we had left there and proceeded to Nha Trang. We stayed at a hotel that overlooked the beach and talked about Recondo School and the missions we had pulled around this area and about our hospital time there. We left the next morning back to Ho Chi Minh City passing Phan Thiet along the way. The trip took 12 hours because of the poor road conditions. There are many road check stations. We spent the next three days staying with our guide (Vinny) at his house, they treated us great. In general we found the Vietnemese people wish americans were still there. Many of the former North Vietnamese have moved to the south. There is still very little refrigeration and mostly Soviet vehicles on the road. The Vietnamese people would say, "Americans # 1. Soviet and Europeans # 10." A tritibute to the Rangers of the Vietnam Era is that all the old NVA/VC that we talked to would say that we were the most feared fighting element in Vietnam, "We would bring the fighting to their base camps and safe areas, they didn't expect us and never knew we were there until it was too late. That there was no safety in the jungle as long as there were Ranger Teams." The NVA/VC had a bounty on the Rangers. One stated, "Rangers and death were same same" RANGERS. I wish you all could have been there, it was one hell of an adventure! We the scrolled Rangers of Vietnam and our forerunners of the LRRP & LRP were all the same. We earned our combat patches and CIB the hard way. We didn't have the chance to attend the stateside Ranger School, much like the Rangers who preceded us of the WWII Era, after all we had a war to fight! SMOKEY WELLS C/75

TOP SOCOM SOLDIERS

For the second year in a row, two RANGERS were honored as Special Operations Command NCO and Soldier of the year SSG William J. Swincicki C/2/75 and PFC John W. Wear A/3/75 competed against soldiers of the various elements of SOCOM at Ft. Bragg, NC. Selection was based on physical fitness, mastery of day and night land navigation, written and hands on soldiering tests as well as a oral interview before a board of senior NCO's. These Rangers advanced through the competition at Battalion, Regiment and finally SOCOM. At the Regimental awards ceremoney a \$50.00 savings bond and a one year membership in the 75th Ranger Regiment Association was presented to both Rangers. These two outstanding Rangers once again show that RANGERS LEAD THE WAY. HOOAH!

A RANGERS BROTHER

I received a call on 10/19/92 from a Michael Thayer in Bethany, OK asking if I had any information concerning his brother. His brother. Terry N. Thayer had served in F/58th LRP during 1967 - 1968. After spending his tour with F/58 he returned home and was killed 7 months later in a motorcycle accident. Michael was in a book store and had picked up a copy of "EYES OF THE EAGLE" and when he turned to the back section, found his brothers name listed there. He had had no idea that his brother had served in a LRP company in Vietnam. The brother is now a reserve officer of the 12th Special Forces and recently completed the QC course here at Ft. Bragg. There was 11 years difference in age and he was not aware of the contributions his brother had made to the LRP's. He now has a burning desire to here from the people who served with Terry N. Thayer in F/58th LRP. remembering Terry please contact the below address.

> MICHAEL THAYER 6817 N.W. 44TH BETHANY, OK 73008

NEW MEMBERS

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NEW PUBLICATION

There is a newspaper style publication being printed by Gary Linderer F/58 BEHIND THE LINES, is filled with articles and information concerning the Special Operations Forces, LRRP's, LRP's, RANGERS, SEALS, SPECIAL FORCES and other SOF's. I personally find the articles informative and interesting For complimentary copy please write: BEHIND THE LINES, PO BOX 456, FESTUS, MO 63028.

RANGER MEMORIAL

RANGER MEMORIAL BRICKS

The RANGER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION is offering to the membership the opportunity to purchase a brick with your name and unit engraved on it. The brick will be placed on the walkway leading up to the dagger. Many of you were present during the symbolic ground breaking during the Ranger Rendezvous and the design was shown in the last issue of PATROLLING. You have the opportunity to purchase a piece of this great monument, for yourself, your comrades, and for this great legacy that we represent. The cost is \$240.00. There are two systems for payment: The first will require the applicant to pay in a LUMP Sum. The second is for active duty members who can choose to pay by allotment through the Defense Finance & Accounting (DFAS) in 6 equal installments of \$40.00 each. These bricks will become a permanent part of the memorial. The following are the qualifications needed to purchase a brick:

- A graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School.
- 2. Served in a provisional and/or operational LRRP/LRP Company or detachment during the Vietnam War.
- 3. Served in an operational Ranger unit during peace or Wartime.
- 4. Awarded the U.S. Army Ranger tab by general/executive order for service in the following: WORLD WAR II RANGER BN'S: MERRILL'S MARAUDERSS (5307TH); RANGER INF. CO'S (ABN) KOREA
- 5. Attached to a Ranger Unit during combat operations

Copies of Documentation for meeting qualifications must be provided. Will not be returned.

Any questions regarding the eligibility of the applicant will be referred to the appropriate Association. The brick will consist of three lines: The first line being the word RANGER; the second being your name (No Rank); the third being your unit (one only). Each character up to 18 (including spaces) will be of 3/4 inch modified Roman Font. After all the bricks are purchased (approx 2456), names will be drawn at random for placement in the walk way. This is your chance to remembered as a RANGER. Send in order form ASAP. Send check or money order only!!

EXAMPLES

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CHALLENGE

DESIGNED BY

C.J. DUSHANE



REUNION 1988 (YEARBOOK)

The First Ever Reunion Book for 1988 is finally out and available from the Association. This book is sure to become a collectors item. The book contains 64 pictures of various people who attended this first national reunion. Many of these pictures are group photos and cover all of the units who attended the first ever reunion. The book also has a two page history of the 75th Rangers from Vietnam to the present, the official citations of our Medal of Honor Recipients, a two page listing of the Ranger companies who served in Vietnam and their parent unit. Numerous advertisements and well wishing ads. Please order this book as soon as possible, as the quantity is limited. SECRETARY

RANGER T-SHIRTS

Many members continue to request T-Shirts with our Logo on them. We do have them available. The Reunion T-Shirts are available once again. The demand was so great that the association had to reorder these very unique T-Shirts. The reunion rendezvous T-Shirt comes in two designs. The first is the arrow head design with all Ranger units and their scrolls displayed in color on a black T-Shirt. The second design is with a beret and dagger and a Scroll over top. All of these T-Shirts are of high quality. Allow two (2) to three (3) weeks for delivery. Send check or money order only.

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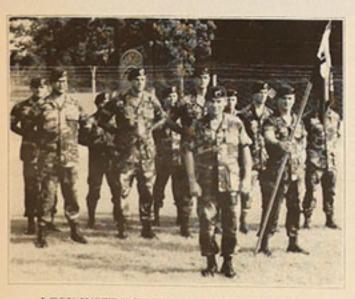
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L-R ROY BARLEY, RICK EHRLER, RALPH HARTER, BRUCE SARTWELL (E/50TH LRP) AT REUNION



JOHN F. WEAR A/3/75 (SOLDIER OF THE YEAR)



LRSU INSTRUCTORS (RANGER TNG BDE)



WILLIAM SWINCICKI C/2/75 (NCO OF THE YEAR)



PAUL MERCER 3/75, PAT MceLRATH 2/75 ARRON MARLER ON THE RANGE DURING RANGER RENDEZVOUS

TEMPORARILY DISORIENTED RANGERS

The following Rangers have had their newsletters returned to the secretary, because of bad addresses (moved). The association can no longer forward all the returned newsletters. Each returned newsletter costs the association .35 cents. Most of the newsletters have the new address affixed to the newsletter. We don't want to lose track of even one of our members but we simply cannot keep forwarding returned mail. If the member who moved sends the secretary two (2) .29 cent stamps, I will gladly forward the newsletter.

RICKY BRUMLEY, JOSEPH COALE, JAMES EATON, CHARLES EBELHARE, LEWIS FEMIANO, LUKE FERGUSON, CHARLES FOUNTAIN, ROBERT GUY, ROBERT KAZMIERCZAK, JAMES JOHNSTON, JOHN LABARGE, CHARLES LEE, FRANK MAJKA, MARK MARTIN, PHIL MAYRAND, BOB McCONNNELL, MICHAEL NESBIT, GARY PATTERSON, RICHARD POU, DONALD PURDY, DEEK SIMCOX, JIM SMITH, TONY SOLIZ, DANIEL WAGONER, LEON WALKER, JOSEPH WELKE, EDWARD WENGLARZ, OLIVER WILLIAMS, ROBERT WIMMER

TEMPORARY ABSENT SECRETARY

The secretary will be temporarily in Pennsylvania for the next 4 months. As with us all, we have to make a living. The secretary usually answers 30 - 40 phone calls, processes approx 25 new members, answers 50 letters and handles a variety of other tasks each month. The work will go on but at a slightly slower pace. The President (Roy Nelson) will being double duty during this period. The secretary's address and phone will still be operational. But, as stated earlier, response will be slower. The treasurer is also extremely busy during tax season. Please be patient and we will handle whatever request that there are during this period. SECRETARY

LAISON TO 75TH RANGER REGIMENT

C.J. DuShane (Duke) has picked up the title of Laison to the Active Regiment. In addition to his other activities on behalf of our association as resident artist, handling the sales of items, coordinating the guest speaker program for the LRSU course, advisor to the RANGER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, he will now be the primary point of contact wwwith the 75th Ranger Regiment. Thanks Duke



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