



2nd BCT, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT) “STRIKE HISTORY” 25 January – 31 January 2015



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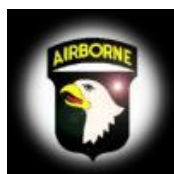
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25 January 2005

526 CSB awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation in support of military operations from March 19 – Sept. 19, 2003. The battalion provided focused, echeloned combat service and combat health support during successive urban



and stability operations, enabling the 2d Brigade to maintain critical combat power forward in zone against a determined enemy force.

26 January 1968

2nd Brigade Task Force establishes new CP at Hue-Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam.



26 January 1968

2d Battalion (Abn), 501st Infantry was airlifted to Hue in northern I CTZ, RVN. The Battalion CP was located in the vicinity of what was called Camp Eagle.

26 January 1969

The 2nd Brigade operation continued with air assaults into LZ Son. IN the area, the CO of the 101st AHB spotted several NVA and a 37mm antiaircraft gun. Delta Company gunships were called in, resulting in two NVA killed and the AA gun destroyed. IN the 3rd Brigade operation, C/2-502 discovered a cache of 24 SKS rifles, three RPDs, one RPG launcher, 30 60mm mortar rounds and 30 RPG rounds in an elaborate hut-bunker complex in the mountains west of Camp Evans. The 1st Brigade's operation continued near FB Quick II with light contact. The 2-502nd Recondos engaged an NVA platoon, killed two, and later found a cache of four weapons. (Rendezvous with Destiny, Screaming Eagles Vietnam Diary: Spring 1969)

26 January 1970

Operation RANDOLPH GLEN: 2-502 IN Battalion returned back to FSB Rifle and established the tactical operations center. The firebase was a jointly occupied firebase with ARVN and Strike Force troopers. The area of operations was split with the US responsible for the section north of FSB Rifle and the ARVN's responsible for the south. There was little evidence of recent enemy activity in the area surrounding FSB Rifle throughout the end of January and early February. (2-502 Unit History, Vietnam 1970; Approved by LTC Lloyd N. Cosby, IN Commanding)

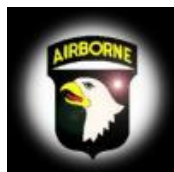


26 January 2005

1-320 FA awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation in support of military operations from March 19 – Oct. 19, 2003. The battalion distinguished itself in executing close supporting fires over a 1200 km distance against a numerically superior force. The daring courageousness of the Soldiers assigned to "Top Guns" greatly assisted 2d Brigade in the liberation of numerous major cities to include Al Hillah, An Najaf, and Karbala, as well as the clearing of south Baghdad and Mosul. The battalion continued to perform non-standard stability and support operations within the city of Mosul.

27 January –
3 February 1968

From the First Cavalry Division's journal of 26 January 1967: "2d Bde, 101st Abn: Bde became opcon 1st Air Cav Division upon closure of Bde CP at LZ El Paso at



1200, and assumed control of 1-501 Abn. 1-501 assisted in security of LZ El Paso with three companies while its D Company air assaulted to [an area outside the perimeter] and conducted operations in that vicinity. 2-501 Abn closed LZ El Paso at 1810, opcon to 2d Bde, 101st Abn.”

The 1/501 took over its sector of the perimeter that evening, and the 2/501 went into its position the afternoon of the 27th. That day, A and B Companies of 1/501 conducted company-sized heliborne assaults and extractions in areas near LZ El Paso – seeking enemy contact in operations of six or seven hours duration. The 1/502, opcon to the Cav’s 1st Bde, was on “base security” at LZs Sharon and Betty, near Quang Tri to the north. (Picture of A/2-501 Soldier digging in at LZ El Paso – Burrell, Wormsley, and Santiago)



On 28 Jan, the First Cav decided to move the 1/501 and our brigade CP to LZ Jane, south of LZ Jane, relieving the 1/5 Cav Bn there. On 29 Jan we were ordered to make this move the next day, a day earlier than planned. (We were lucky, if we had moved as planned, Tet 1968 would have caught us at LZ El Paso.) The 2/501 would join us at LZ Jane but meanwhile it would move to the Cav’s new base at Camp Evans, to perform perimeter security.

The 1/501, A Btry 1/321, and Bde HHC with our signal and MP platoons left EZ El Paso by truck convoy in the early morning 30 January. They traveled through Hue and up Highway 1. SFC Timothy O’Connor of the 1/501 has written in his book, “Blood Brothers, ”There were numerous villages along the way... (It was Tet, the Chinese New Year) and the people... were having a good time. When we reached Hai Lang we turned left... and came to a large sized hill... LZ Jane. Each company was assigned a sector of the perimeter. I called the platoon together and told them that ‘Charlie is watching us so let’s dig our bunkers deep.’”

The massive NVA/Viet Cong countrywide offensive known as Tet 1968 began that night, attacking Saigon, 36 of the RVN’s 43 province capitals, 64 of its 242 district towns, and field positions throughout the countryside, including LZ Jane. From the brigade journal: “LZ Jane began re-ceiving mortar & RPG fire at approx 0405 (31 Jan)... At 0427, units reported enemy activity to their front, enemy tried to penetrate the 1/501 perimeter. By 0455, elements reported all quiet. 1-501 had 6 WIA. 14 NVA KIA and 3 NVA POW, 11 indiv wpns and 1 RPG-2 launcher captured. Negative further activity.” The 1/501 had been ready. There was more to come.

We were told that the 1/502, securing LZs Sharon and Betty, had not been attacked that night. It went immediately into action. On 1 February, A Co, with a D Co platoon and the recon platoon, was sweeping the area between the two LZs, in a four-hour fire fight, supported by the Cav’s gunships, it killed 35 and captured 2 NVA, captured an 82mm mortar, two .50 cal. and one light machine gun and many individual weapons. Four men had been killed, including A Co’s commander, Captain Holland, and first sergeant. The 1/502 continued with sweeps and ambushes..

The Tet Offensive caught the 2/501 with its move to Camp Evans only partially completed and with the rest of the battalion yet to move because of poor flying weather, intensive enemy anti-aircraft fire, and low C-47 availability. (By LTG (then COL) John H. Cushman)



27 January 1968

2-501 IN (2d BDE), went into its positions and that day A and B Companies 1-501 conducted company-sized heliborne assaults and extractions in areas near LZ El Paso – seeking enemy contact in operations for six or seven hour durations. The 1-502 OPCON to CAV's 1st BDE was on "Base Security" at LZ's Sharon and Betty, near Quang Tri to the North.

27 January 1971

1st Battalion, 501st Infantry had a routine Medevac. One man had a cut on his face.

28 January 1968

1st CAV moved 1-501 IN and 2BDE CP to LZ Jane (Pictured), relieving the 1-5 CAV BN there.



28 January 1968

Operation SAN ANGELO: A/2-502 while OPCON to 2-17 CAV vic. YU104076 exhumed two graves resulting in 2 VC KIA. At vic. YU122065 A Co. engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 1 NVA KIA and capturing 2 AK-47 assault rifles.

28 January 1969

Three contacts by 2-502nd in the 1st Brigade operation were reported, with two enemy killed. The point man of Charlie Company engaged five VC, who fled leaving behind two weapons. Elsewhere in the AO, seven enemies were killed. (Rendezvous with Destiny, Screaming Eagles Vietnam Diary: Spring 1969)

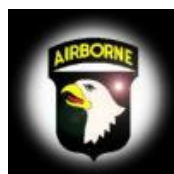
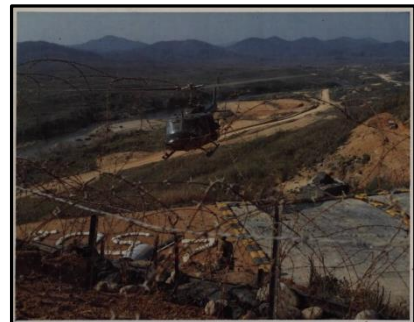
28 January 1969

ACTIVITIES OF THE 101ST ABN DIV (AM). Members of Co "A", 2nd Bn, 501st Inf, 2nd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM), unloaded the supplies from the UH-1D helicopter at FSB "Birmingham" on Hill 549, located approximately 15 km southwest of Hue.



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Activities of the 101st ABN DIV (AM). Members of Co "A", 2nd Bn, 501st Inf, 2nd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM), are resupplied on Hill 549, located approximately 15 km southwest of Hue. An UH-10 helicopter prepares to land at Fire Support Base "Birmingham" with supplies.



28 January 1969

ACTIVITIES OF THE 101ST ABN DIV (AM). An UH-1D helicopter prepares to land at FSB "Birmingham" on Hill 549, located approximately 15 km southwest of Hue, with supplies for Co "A", 2nd Bn, 501st Inf, 2nd Bde, 101st Abn Div (AM).



28 January 1971

1st Battalion, 501st Infantry moved to FB Arsenal but due to bad weather only one half of the move was completed. Alpha Company OPCON to 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry.

28 January 2005

1-502 IN awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation in support of military operations from March 19 – Oct. 15, 2003. The battalion played a crucial role in the success of 2nd Brigade and the 101st Airborne Division in defeating Iraqi military and paramilitary forces, ousting the regime of Saddam Hussein. During the operation, the battalion defeated enemy forces in the cities of Al Hillah, Al Kifl, An Najaf, Karbala, south Baghdad, and Mosul. Throughout combat operations, the Battalion seized thousands of weapons, military equipment and ammunition, while liberating the cities of An Najaf to Baghdad. 1-502 IN linked up with Special Operations Forces in northern Iraq and secured the Haditha Dam and the H-1 airfield. When offensive operations ended, the battalion conducted stability and support operations in Mosul, Iraq. 1-502 IN made northern Iraq safe through vigorous patrolling and cordon and searches. Additionally, the battalion improved Iraqi quality of life through civil affairs projects. The battalion's efforts allowed the Division to bring peace and stability to northern Iraq.

29 January 1968

The BDE was ordered to make their move a day earlier than planned, if the BDE didn't move as planned they would've been at LZ El Paso during the TET. 2-501 would join the BDE at LZ Jane but meanwhile it would move to the CAV's new base at Camp Evans to perform perimeter security.

29 January 1969

STRIKE Force troopers accounted for three enemy killed near FB Quick II. Near Phan Thiet, 3/506 paratroopers killed three VC. (Rendezvous with Destiny, Screaming Eagles Vietnam Diary: Spring 1969)

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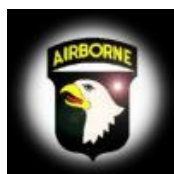
1st Battalion, 501st Infantry move to FB Arsenal was completed. Charlie Company Vic YD775035 discovered one spider hole. Negative recent enemy activity.

29 - 31 January 2011

Operation Night Wolf, conducted by 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, partnered for the first time with Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP), found a deadly enemy firmly entrenched in the grape orchards of western Zharay. The combined teams of Soldiers from Companies G, I and HHC along with their ANCOP partners cleared five villages in southeastern Maiwand and western Zharay.

30 January 1968

TET Offensive of 1968: The outbreak of the TET Offensive, the 2nd Brigade continued to move north and joined the heavy fighting in the battle for Quang Tri with the 1st CAV. After Quang Tri was cleared, the 2nd Brigade and the 1st CAV moved south to set up blocking forces in the countryside around Hue, while US Marines and ARVN forces fought to retake the city from the NVA. The 2nd Brigade cleaned out pockets of enemy resistance between Hue and Quang Tri and intercepted NVA units attempting to reinforce the former Imperial City.



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The massive NVA/Viet Cong countrywide offensive known as TET 1968 began tonight.

Combined North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces attack Saigon, 36 of 43 provincial capitals, and 64 district capitals to begin the Tet Offensive. From the brigade journal:

0405 1-501: A Co receiving 3 incoming mortar rounds, C Co receiving small arms fire.

0410 1-501: E Co reports incoming mortar rounds.

0412 1-501: D Co reports 4 incoming mortar rounds, 4 WIA, one machine gun position took a hit.

0415 1-501: C Co reports 1 enemy KIA

0440 1-501: C Co reports 11 enemy KIA, all carrying demolition kits.

0455 1-501: D Co reports 2 enemy KIA, C Co reports 12 enemy KIA total

0540 1-501: D Co estimates having received 20 rounds of RPG-2 fire; A Co estimates 4 rounds of PRG fire; C Co spotted enemy in the wire, set of claymores and observed 3 secondary explosions presumably from satchel charges. As a result of these explosions and small arms fire, C Co reports 12 VC KIA and 2 VC WIA POW and D Co reports 2 VC KIA.

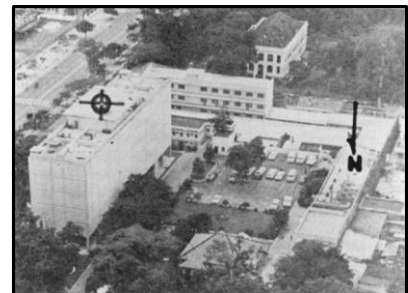
Information was passed down that 1-502, securing LZ Sharon and LZ Betty had not been attacked this night.

30 January 2006

Operation River Harvest (3/3 ACR). 1-2 CDO and 3/3 ACR conducts a combined raid in Sayafia to detain or destroy AIF in order to prevent AIF activities. This is the only Operation 3/3 ACR conducts while assigned to 2BCT. The operations resulted in 13 detainees, four of which were on the squadron's target list.

31 January 1968

A Platoon from C/1-502 conducts a combat air assault onto the roof of the US Embassy in Saigon in order to retake the embassy if it fell to the VC Sappers. Upon landing they reinforced the beleaguered MPs and Marines guards who had been battling the enemy attack.

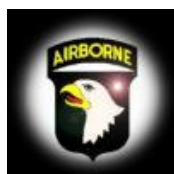


31 January 1970

FB Birmingham was hit by 5 mortar rounds. A/1-502 IN 1st Platoon was on a night move in the piedmont area SE of FB Birmingham and observed this plus a fire fight several KM west of FB Birmingham and East of FB Bastogne.

31 January 2005

3-502 IN awarded Valorous Unit Award for battles in Karbala against Fedayeen Saddam insurgents attacking 3rd Infantry Division supply lines from April 5 – April 6, 2003. Immediately upon approaching the outskirts of the city, the lead



element of the task force came under intense rocket propelled grenade and machine gun fire from a prepared and determined enemy. Still separated from the city by nearly 1 km of open ground, close air support was called in, followed by a devastatingly accurate combination of attack aviation, battalion mortar and artillery fires. While still under withering fire, all elements of the battalion continued advancing toward the city. Through sound tactical execution and bold leadership, 3-502 IN fought its way into the city with undaunted courage, closing with and inflicting heavy casualties upon the fanatical Fedayeen Saddam with a fierce and indomitable fighting spirit. Overhead, Kiowa Warrior pilots from 2-17 CAV displayed phenomenal courage and utter disregard for their own safety while observing and adjusting indirect fires, and placing their own fire on key enemy strong points, facilitating the advance of the task force within the city. Fierce fighting continued throughout the day, along with the treatment and evacuation of friendly casualties, but the intrepid acts of so many brave Soldiers resulted in the battalion inexorably closing in on their objective while destroying all enemy that lay in their path.

During this week, in the span of 72 years since the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment originated in July 1941 as the 502nd Parachute Battalion, an experimental unit formed to test the doctrine and tactics of parachute assault, the following awards were awarded to members of 2BCT and the 502nd IN Regiment.

2 x Silver Star Medal (1 x Posthumously)
 2 x Bronze Star Medal with Valor (1 x Posthumously)
 1 x Bronze Star Medal (1 x Posthumously)
 2 x Army Commendation Medal with Valor
 28 x Purple Heart Medal (13 x Posthumously)
 2 x Died of Non-Hostile injury or illness
 65 x Air Medal
 26 x Combat Infantry Badge

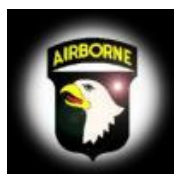
25 January 1968



SSG James B. Anderson (B/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire wounds in the Phuoc Long Province, South Vietnam.

25 January 1969

The following Soldiers: SGT David A. Edwards, SP4 George H. Keathley, SP4 Willie King, PFC Robert L. Carter, PFC Michael L. Malin, 1LT Donald C. Murnock, SP4 Ethen D. Smith, SP4 Terry L. Chinn, PFC Thomas W. Coss, PFC Earl J. Perry Jr., SSG Charles B. Payne Jr., SGT Cleodis Smith, PFC Santiago Numez, PFC Joseph C. Addison, PFC Guy E. Daugherty, SP4 John W. Mandez, SP4 David L. Pryse, SP4 Dennis H. McGill, PFC Richard M. Sam, PFC Darrell K. Johnson, SSG Clifton H. Cathcart, SP4 Robert E. McAferty, SP4 David L. Reese, SP4 Thomas D. Shobe, SGT Mark W. Dugger, SGT Thomas R. Hancock, PFC Edward L. Resavy, SP4 Francis L. Grue, SGT Willie C. Dozier, SGT Larry E. Johnson, PFC Vincent P. Fenequito, 1LT Peter A. Fekete (B/1-502 IN) earned the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st Airborne Division, General Order Number 1423; 9 February 1969)



25 January 1969



SP4 Michael J. White (E/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from other explosive device wounds in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

25 January 1969

The following Soldiers: CPL Alvin R. Narcisse, SP4 Ralph E. Johnson, SP4 Fernando L. Lozano, PFC Frank D. Smitherman (A/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in their deaths from multiple fragmentation wounds during and assault 13k south of Phu Bai, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

25 January 1969



SGT Tracy T. Kiel (A/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire wounds during and assault 13k south of Phu Bai, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

25 January 1969



The following Soldiers: SP4 Anderson D. Bolton (Pictured), and SP4 Ralph L. Glover (A/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in their deaths from artillery, rocket, or mortar wounds during and assault 13k south of Phu Bai, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

25 January 1970

The following Soldier: PFC Ryamond Armstrong, PFC Robert C. Banwart, PFC Murl D. Boston, SP4 Scott A. Brindley, PFC Glen A. Brown, PFC Holly E. Dickerson, PFC Hector Dominguez, PFC James F. Dowling, PFC Donald W. Garey, SP4 Lideran C. Garrett, PFC Roy D. Garrett, PFC Darwin A. Grow, PFC Embritch Harris, 1LT David A. Hockett, PFC Coy J. Hubbard, PFC Celester Jones, PFC Ronald J. King, PFC Marchall T. Morgan, SP4 Joseph Nester, PFC Samuel Niemann, PFC John R. Overton, PFC David R. Schmidli, PFC Joseph Stevens, PFC Richard A. Takos, SGT John E. Upton, PFC Alan L. Wentworth (A/2-501st IN) was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge. (HQ, 101s ABN DIV; Specials Order Number 27, 27 January 1970)

26 January 1969

SP4 Joseph J. Saitta (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat in the Republic of Vietnam. (Purple Heart Citation)

26 January 2008



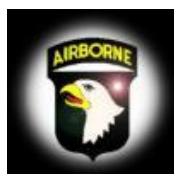
SSG Robert Wilson (A/1-502 IN), 28, of Seattle, Washington; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when an IED detonated while he was conducting a dismounted patrol in Hurriya, Baghdad along Route Senators.

26 January 2008

CPT Howard Rice (A/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when he was conducting a mounted and dismounted route clearance patrol on Route Senators. The patrol was struck by an IED. CPT Rice was later transported to 86th CSH and was diagnosed and treated for a concussion and ruptured eardrums resulting from the intensity of the blast.



- 26 January 2008 SSG Adam Rhein (1-64 AR) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received.
- 27 January 1971 SP4 Calvin E. Milam (A/1-501 IN) earned the Bronze Star Medal with Valor (Posthumously) for heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.
- 27 January 2006 SGT Shane Ford (A/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received while conducting a mounted patrol, SGT Ford's M1114 was struck by an IED. The door on the TC side of the M1114 flexed causing blunt trauma damage to SGT Ford's right leg.
- 27 January 2008 SSG James Slayton (1-64 AR) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received.
- 27 January 2011 SPC Thomas Crowder (HHC/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with small arms fire. He is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment.
- 28 January 1966 SP4 Thomas R. Devlin (C/2-502 IN) died from Non-hostile causes while on a night combat operation as point man when he encountered a friendly patrol. The other point man of that patrol opened fire and hit and killed him in the Phu Yen Province, South Vietnam.
- 28 January 2006 1LT Jason Shuff (HHC/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received during a combat patrol, 1LT Shuff was walking by an unexpected IED site when an IED exploded. He lost hearing in his left ear. He received a perforated ear drum and bleeding from the ear.
- 28 January 2006 SPC Justin York (C/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received while he was on an air assault mission and during ground movement the platoon encountered small arms fire and indirect fire. He sustained a femoral fracture, chest abrasions, and a peppered bicep, lacerations to his head, and a possible broken tibia and fibula from the gunshot wound.
- 29 January 1969 The following Soldiers: PFC Dennis C. Eshleman (C/1-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire wounds in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.



29 January 1970



1LT Joe H. Rufty (D/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire wounds in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

29 January 1972

The following Soldiers: PFC Daniel R. Sellers, SGT Stephen M. Suto, SGT Rafael G. Sanchez, PFC Craig C. Russell, SGT Barry L. Rooks, SGT Ruben A. Quezata, SGT James R. Pooler, PFC Joseph M. Purchio, SP4 Richard R. Thompson, SGT Marvin L. Vander Ark, PFC Joe C. Louis, SP4 Robert H. Martin, SP4 Retty G. Wobride, SP4 David A. Menting, PFC Robert D. Smith, SP4 Keith D. Balliew, 1LT Hugh R. Guill, SP4 David L. Dortch, 1LT James C. Hunn, SP4 Jon A. Williamson, SP4 Kenneth M. Wohlberg, SP4 Johnnie D. Dyer, PFC Richard W. Lewis, PFC Curtis B. Loyd, PFC Douglas E. O'Tremba, SGT James E. Mc Aruther, SGT Gregg H. Todd, PFC Thomas D. Tripp, PFC Timothy E. Taylor, SP4 George L. Barthel, SGT Robert L. Johnson, PFC Kenneth A. Pratt, SGT Robert E. O'Bryan (Pictured) (A/2-501 IN) earned the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the Republic of Vietnam (DA, HQ, 101st Airborne Division (AM); G.O. Number 890, 29 January 1972)



29 January 2006

PFC Christopher Tovar (C/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received while conducting an observation position on Route Temple, they were engaged by one Rocket Propelled Grenade. PFC Tovar was on the roof of the house pulling over watch of the area and took shrapnel to his left thigh.

29 January 2006

SGT Jason Amos (A/526 BSB) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received while he was a part of a convoy conducting a barrier emplacement mission. The convoy received mortar fire on two occasions. Upon returning to Camp Stryker, a vehicle in the convoy struck an IED. During the first mortar attack, SGT Amos was slightly wounded in the left leg by shrapnel.

29 January 2008

SPC Brad Griffin (4-10 CAV) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received while maintaining security at a checkpoint at approximately 1135; an IED was detonated, causing injuries to several Soldiers.

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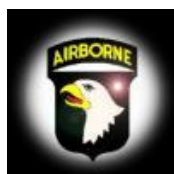
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PV2 Timothy Collins (4-10 CAV) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received while maintaining security at a checkpoint at approximately 1135; an IED was detonated, causing injuries to several Soldiers.

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CPL Kriste Edwards (4-10 CAV) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received while maintaining security at a checkpoint at approximately 1135, an IED was detonated, causing injuries to several Soldiers.



30 January 1969



PFC Steven E. Frederick (C/2-502 IN) died from Non-hostile causes as a ground casualty in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

31 January –
01 May 2006

SPC Matthew D. Dye (A/1-75 CAV) earned the Army Commendation Medal with Valor.

STRIKE HISTORY (Citation's and Awards):

25 January 2006



SSG Jerry M. Durbin Jr. (2-502 IN), 26, of Spring, Texas; earned the Silver Star Medal and Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when he was killed when an improvised explosive device exploded near his dismounted patrol during combat operations in Baghdad.

SSG Jerry M. Durbin, received the Silver Star posthumously for exceptionally valorous achievement while serving with B/2-502 IN, attached to the 4th Infantry Division, in actions against the enemy. SSG Durbin attempted to disarm an IED that seriously threatened the safety and lives of his squad. SSG Durbin's heroic actions during combat operations in Iraq contributed to the overwhelming success of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team mission. His selfless actions, complete disregard for his own safety, and dedication to completing the mission at any cost, saved the lives of his fellow comrades.

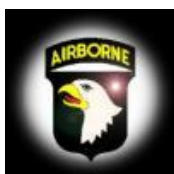
26 January 1969



SP4 Joseph J. Saitta (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for heroism in the Republic of Vietnam on 26 January 1969. Specialist Saitta distinguished himself while serving as a medical aidman in Company B, 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry, near the city of Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam. During a search and clear mission, Specialist Saitta's 032403 platoon came under intense enemy automatic weapons fire. In the initial burst of fire, one man was seriously wounded. Specialist Saitta, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved forward with another soldier through the intense enemy automatic weapons fire to the location of the wounded man lying in the direct line of enemy fire. Crawling through the intense enemy automatic weapons fire, he reached the second wounded man, who was in an open area. On several occasions, Specialist Saitta used his body as a shield to protect the wounded Soldier from the enemy fire. After administering first aid to him, he carried the wounded Soldier to the rear of the area and was instrumental in completing his successful evacuation. Specialist Saitta's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Order Number 3991; 30 Apr 69)

27 January 1966

1LT David C. Johnson (HHC/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal. 1LT Johnson distinguished himself on 27 January 1966 while acting as company commander in a search and destroy operation of a suspected Viet Cong base camp in the village of Phu Qui, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Johnson was maneuvering his company to attack the Viet Cong village when they received



intense small arms and automatic weapons fire from well-fortified hostile positions. Lieutenant Johnson from his position saw that half of his left flank platoon was pinned down by hostile fire on open terrain. Realizing their extreme danger, Lieutenant Johnson, with complete disregard for his personal safety, ran one hundred meters across the bullet swept rice paddies to the beleaguered platoon. While completely exposed to the intense hostile fire, he ran from man to man and personally directed them in a fire and movement assault. Lieutenant Johnson's aggressive fighting spirit inspired his men to increase their efforts and was most instrumental in overrunning the Viet Cong force. His unimpeachable valor in close combat against a hostile force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

28 January 1970

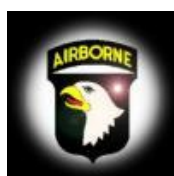
SGT Jesse Gomez (C/2-502 IN) earned the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 28 January 1970. Sergeant Gomez distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader in Company C, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, near Fire Support Base Rifle, Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Gomez's squad was serving as lead squad for the Third Platoon when it encountered a squad of enemy Soldiers. The two lead men placed effective fire upon the enemy position, causing them to flee rapidly. Sergeant Gomez immediately reorganized heavy automatic weapons fire; he quickly identified the enemy location and directed his men in placing effective suppressive fire upon it. His timely and effective action prevented many friendly casualties and resulted in the capture of one wounded insurgent, four AK-47 rifles and other enemy equipment. Sergeant Gomez's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; G. O. No. 3050; 20 Mar 1970)

***STRIKE HISTORY NOTE:**

A major reorganization took place on 3 February 1964, when the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division was activated at Fort Campbell, replacing the 1st Airborne Battle Group, 501st Infantry Regiment. The reorganization from the battle groups to brigades and battalions placed two battalions of the 502nd in different brigades of the 101st. The 2nd Battalion was in the 1st Brigade with 1-327th and 2-327th Infantry. Which deployed to Vietnam 1965, in was most notable commanded by LTC Hank "The Gunfighter" Emerson. The new 2nd Brigade's original organic battalions were the 1st and 2d Battalions, 501st Infantry, and the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry.

December 1967, 2nd Brigade deployed by C-141 aircraft to the Republic of Vietnam. Over the next five years, soldiers of the "Ready to Go" Brigade participated in twelve campaigns, compiling a distinguished combat record as well as an enviable reputation for success in the rehabilitation of a war-torn nation. The President of Vietnam personally decorated the colors of the Brigade three times, twice with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and once with the RVN Civic Action Honor Medal. The Brigade redeployed to Fort Campbell in April, 1972.

In 1984, with the reorganization of the Combat Arms Regimental System, the 2nd Brigade became the parent headquarters for the 1st, 2nd, and 3d Battalions of the 502nd Infantry Regiment. With this reorganization, the Brigade adopted the regimental motto, "Strike."



ACRONYMS

AO: Area of Operations
ARA: Aerial Rocket Artillery
ARCOM: Army Commendation Medal
ARVN: Army of the Republic of Viet Nam (also known as the South Vietnamese Army (SVA))
BDE: Brigade
BN: Battalion
BSM: Bronze Star Medal
BBT: Booby Traps
CA: Combat Assault
CANOPY: Heavily Wooded Terrain
CO: Company
CP: Command Post
DSC: Distinguished Service Cross
DZ: Drop Zone
FSB: Fire Support Base
HQ: Headquarters
IED: Improvised Explosive Device
IN: Infantry
KBA: Killed by Air or Artillery
KHA: Killed by Hostile Action
KIA: Killed in Action
KNHA: Killed by Non-hostile Action
LZ: Helicopter Landing Zone
MI: Military Intelligence
MOH: Medal of Honor
MP: Military Police
NDP: Night Defensive Position
NVA: North Vietnamese Army
OBJ: Objective
OP: Observation Post
PAVN: People Army of Vietnam
POW: Prisoner of War
PT: Popular Forces
PZ: Helicopter Pick-up Zone
Recon Platoon: Reconnaissance Platoon
RIF: Reconnaissance in Force
ROK: Republic of Korea
SA: Situational Awareness
SIGINT: Signal Intelligence
SSM: Silver Star Medal
STRIKE Force: 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry
SVA: South Vietnamese Army
TOC: Tactical Operations Center
WIA: Wounded in Action
WHA: Wounded by Hostile Action
WNHA: Wounded by Non-hostile Action
"V": Valor
VC: Viet Cong

