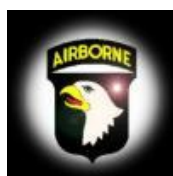




## 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV (AASLT) “STRIKE HISTORY” 14 December – 20 December 2014



- 14 December 1942 508<sup>th</sup> PIR reaches full strength after activation (Mostly ex-502<sup>nd</sup> PIR and ex 29<sup>th</sup> ID)
- 14 December 1968 A/1-502 secured T-Bone with 1 platoon on local RIF operations. The unit concentrated on rebuilding and improving fortifications of T-Bone and unit training. Unit training is being stressed in all units as the turbulence of personnel has been a point of concern for the Battalion Commander. B/1-502 conducted RIF, vic. YD6188. They found a bunker complex (negative signs of recent use), vic. YD6117 and destroyed it. C/1-502 (-) released from 3/5 Cav. and returned via "hook" to LZ Sally. D/1-502 secured An Lo Bridge. Recon/1-502 released from OPCON to 3/5 Cav. and returned to LZ Sally, via "hook" to be RRF.
- 14 December 1970 **Operation JEFFERSON GLEN/MONSOON PLAN 70:** Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502d Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502d Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon found a trail one and half feet wide. NVA/VC type trail, at YD784044. The trail runs NW-SE and lead into a ravine. There are definite signs of activity only hours old.
- 15 December 1967 2nd Brigade's colors arrive at Cu Chi base camp, Republic of Vietnam.
- 15 December 1968 A/1-502 secured FSB T-Bone and conducted local patrols and ambushes. C/1-502, 26 elements was OPCON to A/1-502. They conducted RIF operation from LZ Sally to vic. YD6020, while concluding RIF they heard a SA shot. On investigation, they found freshly cooked rice alongside the trail, vic. YD6121 and later 3 VC. The VC fired on B/1-502 (negative casualties), fire was returned and the VC fled and gunships were called in on suspected locations. Upon searching the area, negative bodies were found, but they did find 3 hooches which contained various gear, ammo, propaganda material and personal effects. Two blood trails were also found. B/1-502 followed the blood trails with negative results. C/1-502 is OPCON to 1/501. D/1-502 secured An Lo Bridge. D/1-502, 16 element, CA'd to vic. YD6019 and became OPCON to B/1-502. Recon/1-502 moved by vehicle from LZ Sally to An Lo where they utilized a super contact team.
- 15 – 16 December 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** A combined operation with the 13<sup>th</sup> Coastal Group, Phyu Loc District HA S2 section k, the BDE MP's, A/2-502 30, C/2-502 20 & 30, and BN S2 Interrogation Center. The operation was directed toward the large number of sampans moving in the Dam Cau Hai Bay recently. The enemy has been known to use this method of transporting troops and supplies. The concept of the operation was to sweep the Bay at midnight and during the early morning hours with the Coastal Group PBR's and the ARVN Junks acted as a blocking force along the N-S grid lines ZD06. All personnel and sampans were herded into collection point at Bach Thach (H) (ZD038025). Land blocking psns were established to preclude anyone escaping by land at the following locations: A 30 (ZC040025); C 20 & C30 (YC987070) to (ZC0103). The operation started 152030 Dec with a sweep from NW to SE of the Bay (Neg results): a second sweep was conducted 160445Dec resulting in 11 sampans and 52 detainees. 26 Adults were classified as curfew violators. A Medcap was conducted in conjunction with the interrogation. Trained PRU's from Hue were flown in to the JIC on the morning of 16 Dec. The operation was concluded that afternoon.



On 15DEC, C/2-502 took responsibility of Bridge 4 and Recon was released from their OPCON, and was given the mission of securing FSB Roy (ZC057029).

- 15 December 1970 **Operation JEFFERSON GLEN/MONSOON PLAN 70:** The 81mm mortars section found six 60mm mortar rounds with charges and safety pins at grid YD773091. The rounds were about six months old. Alpha Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502d Infantry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon found 15 to 20 fighting positions and a bunker at grid YD845035. The bunker had fields of fire out in front of it. The complex is at least a year old and there were no sign of recent activity. To the west is a north-south stream and to the east a trail that runs NE-SW.
- 16 December 1944 While resting at Mourmelon Le Grand, the 101st received orders to move northward. The German's had launched a major offensive into the Ardennes region of Belgium, which threatened to break the Allied line and drive to the sea. On the 18th, 380 trucks began moving the division's 11,000 men to its first destination, Werbomont. The division out loaded all of its men within 11 hours. The 502nd was assigned the mission of holding a strong point at Recogne on the 19th.
- 16 December 1944 The German Army launches Operation Nordwind, which would become known as the Battle of the Bulge, ultimately leading to the 502<sup>nd</sup>'s holding the north side of the 101<sup>st</sup>'s Bastogne perimeter.
- 16 December 1944 Cpl Everett A. Brown (A/502d PIR) was awarded his third Bronze Star for his action on Christmas Day as a large German armored and mechanized force conducted a massive assault through American lines near Bastogne, Belgium. Cpl. Brown, now a LMG squad leader, and the men of Able Company raced to save the crumbling American lines. The 101st established a defensive perimeter around Bastogne to protect the critical road junctions within the city. Able Company was responsible for securing the town of Champs. On Christmas Day, the Germans attacked Champs in force which the Able Company and 1st Battalion troopers repelled.
- 16 December 1968 B/1-502 had light contact, vic. YD6119 which they engaged 3 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA and 2 VC WIA. B/1-502 had 1 US slightly wounded. C/1-502 (-) returned to LZ Sally from OPCON to 1/501 via "hook" from FSB Sandy. Recon/1-502 platoon with 2 platoons of PF departed An Lo to RIF, vic. YD6131. C/1-502, 26 elements, conducted Eagle flight from LZ Sally to vic. YD6238. Gunship escort engaged 2 VC with negative results.
- 16 December 1970 **Operation JEFFERSON GLEN/MONSOON PLAN 70:** Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502d Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad found a VC/NVA trail running N-NE at grid YD770012. They estimated about ten VC/NVA used this trail within the last four days.
- 16 December 1985 Mourners look on as members of the 101st Airborne Division carry a casket containing the remains of members of the 3rd Bn., 502nd Inf., 101st Airborne Div., into a hangar for a memorial service.



16 December 1985

President and Mrs. Reagan visited Fort Campbell for a memorial service honoring those Soldiers killed in the Gander crash.

16 December 2010

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff spent time with Soldiers of Combined Task Force STRIKE during a visit to Forward Operating Base Wilson, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

Adm. Mike Mullen pinned 16 awards that included two Bronze Star Medals with Valor, five Army Commendation Medals with Valor and nine Purple Hearts. The Soldiers were excited and honored to receive the awards from the Chairman.



"I mean, I got pinned by Adm. Mullen and it was great," said SPC Matthew Zaragoza, a Buena Park, Ca. native with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). "It was definitely a big honor for me," said Zaragoza, who received a Bronze Star with Valor and a Purple Heart for his actions on Sept. 17, when he continued attacks on insurgents after receiving wounds from enemy fire. 242

Before the Soldiers' award ceremony, Mullen told the STRIKE Brigade he was extremely impressed with the unit's performance and thanked them for their efforts.



"To do what the American people are asking you to do and do it in a way that quite frankly, is better than I've ever seen in the over four decades I've been serving," said Mullen. "We're extremely grateful for that and we just never will forget it."

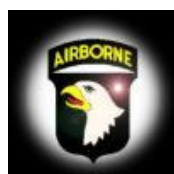
Traveling with Mullen were celebrities working with the USO on their Holiday Troop Visit. The stars included professional athlete Lance Armstrong, country music singer Kix Brooks and comedians Robin Williams, Kathleen Madigan and Lewis Black. The celebrities shook hands, posed for pictures, signed autographs and expressed their gratitude towards the CTFS Soldiers.

"It's important for me to come here and physically say thanks, I mean seriously, it's that important," said Black. "It makes me feel like I've given something back to these guys who give to us."



Mullen and the USO team then left for Kandahar Airfield to perform for the troops stationed there and greatly lifted the morale of the STRIKE Soldiers.

"Meeting the stars really made my day," said SPC Charles Parino, a Royalton, Ill. native with STRIKE's Company A, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion. "It was cool of them to come all the way over here just to say thanks."



17 December 1968

A/1-502 conducted security of T-Bone with A/1-502, 16 element RIF to LZ Sally. A/1-502 (-) was lifted via "hook" from T-Bone to LZ Sally. B/1-502 continued RIF operations, vic. YD6121. B/1-502 sprang and ambush, vic. YD6120 against



unknown size enemy element. Illumination and artillery were called in with negative results. C/1-502 (-) was lifted from LZ Sally to FSB T-Bone. C/1-502, 26 element and 2 PF platoons conducted search and clear operation, vic. YD6139. The area had just been swept by 3-5 task force, but C/1-502, 26 element and PF's killed 3 VC and captured 2 weapons. D/1-502 secured An LO Bridge.

17 December 1970

**Operation JEFFERSON GLEN/MONSOON PLAN 70:** Delta Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502d Infantry at grid YD775018 was cleaning up at a stream when one NVA came up to the stream. Security Soldiers and NVA spotted each other at the same time. NVA dropped his weapon and fled south down the stream. The Security Soldier engaged him and resulted in one NVA KIA and one AK47 captured and other items the enemy was carrying. Also at the same time of contact, members of the platoon saw two other NVA who fled north. They were engaged with negative results.

18 December 1944

The 502<sup>nd</sup> leaves Camp Mourmelon France enroute to Bastogne, Belgium.

18 December 1967

**Operation KLAMATH FALLS:** A/2-502 was air assaulted to the west of the AO and began search and destroy operations to the south. The assault was unopposed. One element of the Redondo's was air lifted to secure a downed aircraft for salvage operations. The mission was accomplished and the element was returned by air to the parent unit.

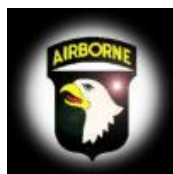
18 December 1968

B/1-502 was lifted via "hook" from vic. YD6221 to An Lo Bridge and replaces B/1-502 on Bridge security. D/1-502 moved via "hook" from An Lo to vic. YD6321.

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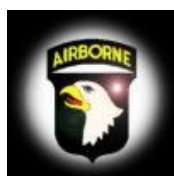
December 1968

**Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** A cordon and sweep at Bat Son (H) (ZD008032) resulted in 3 detainees out of 73 screened. B/2-502 and C 30 affected the cordon after midnight. A PRU team from Hue was flown in the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> and screened all the inhabitants of Hamlet. Bat Son (H) is unsecured by either PF and CPA teams or US troops and has been a known supply point for rice gathering parties. D Co. Received SA and RPG fire from their rear while conducting local patrols in the canopy vic. ZO004996 resulting in 5 US WHA. On the afternoon of the 19<sup>th</sup> the BN received information from members of the Revolutionary Development Committee in Hue that a 20-25 armed VC force would travel through Nam Pho Can (H) YD9604. The RDC provided the BN with five CHU members to assist in intercepting the enemy. B 20 occupied a blocking psn vic. YD958041 while C 20 occupied a blocking psn vic. YD955045 and C 10 conducting a sweep beginning approximately 2200. Result of operation revealed 8 VC/NVA KIA, 5 AK-47, 1 M-1 Carbine, 1 RPG-2, 1 SKS, and 2 WHA from B 20. On the night of 20 December at 2235H vic. YD805104, A 23 engaged 12-15 armed VC/NVA resulting in 2 VC/NVA, 2 AK-47's plus misc. equipment. The next night A 13 at 2345 vic. YD903096 engaged 7 VC/NVA with claymore SA, and grenades resulting in 1-NVA KIA, 1 US WHA, 2 AK-47's, 1 RPG-2 with 2



rounds and misc. equipment. D 10 and D 20 plus to Company CP on 21 Dec. OPCON 1-7 ARVN Cav, D 30 secures FSB Roy. On 22 Dec Recon was inserted vic. YD908082 with mission of patrolling and ambushing. That night Recon engaged 8 VC/NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 US, WHA, 1 AK-47 Captured. From 231800 Dec through 251800 Dec, 2-502 observed a cease fire. The enemy used this lull in fighting to gather rice in Phu Bai Village around Bridge 1. On the night of 26 Dec. and morning of 27 Dec, the 2-502 took its toll on the armed enemy rice gathering parties. At 2030 C 23 vic. YD960065 engages 2 VC/NVA killing 3 and capturing 3 AK-47's. Later, at 260155 Dec. vic YD9133105 A 10 redeployed his three ambushes in order to catch the enemy coming out of the village. At 0155 initial contact yielding 3 enemy dead; then two squads perused the enemy who was fleeing south. Contact was regained intermittently between 0215 and 0340 yielding 4 more enemy KIA. Contact was finally lost at 0340; Artillery Illumination, HE, and Army Air flare ship provided support. Final results: 7 VC/NVA, 1 POW, 5 AK-47's, 1 9mm pistol, 1 RPG round, 300lbs rice and misc. equipment and documents. At 0514 vic. YD983072 Recon engaged 3 VC/NVA moving SW on a trail resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's, 1 PRG with 2 Rounds and misc. equipment captured. On 26 Dec. Phase IV came to a close with the 2-502 turned over the Bridges to 1-327.

- 18 December 1970 **Operation JEFFERSON GLEN/MONSOON PLAN 70:** At 0235 hours FSB Birmingham took five incoming rounds of unknown type. Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502d Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon thought they heard the rounds being fired at a specific grid, the same area artillery suspected as being the launch site.
- 18 December 1970 **Operation JEFFERSON GLEN:** The NVA force triggered a mechanical ambush set by the 2-502 Recon Platoon, resulting in five NVA KIA and two captured weapons.
- 19 December 1967 **Operation KLAMATH FALLS:** Phase IV: The battalion was reoriented to the west effective 19 Dec. In response to intelligence developed by IFFV LRRPS, the TAC CP moved to occupy the former TAC CP site of the 2-327 IN. Two companies were deployed by foot into the new AO, B Co. in the north and A Co. in the South. The Recondos and C Co. air lifted to the TAC CP and were subsequently inserted into the AO, C Co. by air into the secured landing zone and Recondos by foot to the North. The tree line companies moved to converge on suspected enemy locations on high ground in the NW portion of the AO.
- 19 December 1968 1-502 had another day of light contact. One of D/1-502 ambushes received SA fire. They called in artillery with negative results. B/1-502, 16 element, A/1-502 and Recon/1-502 established cordon around villages to the southeast of AN Lo, along the Song Bo river center of mass, vic. YD6429. The road QL#1 was blocked off by MP's and all traffic checked. The Vietnamese National Police and local PF's swept through cordon. The results were: Detained 180; Classified: 156 – IC, 14 - Draft age men, 4 - Deserters, 6 – VC.
- 19 December 1969 In a bizarre incident B/2-502 reported four enemy dressed as ARVN troops approached their night defensive position early in the evening. One was heard speaking English before opening fire. The disguised enemy fled, breaking contact. Near Phan Thiet, D/3/506 engaged 15 VC and killed three. (Rendezvous With Destiny: Screaming Eagles Vietnam Diary 1969)
- 19 December 1970 **Operation JEFFERSON GLEN/MONSOON PLAN 70:** Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502d Infantry 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon and Alpha Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon made a combat assault on top of Hill 943 in the Hai Van Pass area and are OPCON to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry.
- 20 December 1944 The 502<sup>nd</sup> takes up defensive positions north of Bastogne between Champs and Longchamps, Belgium.



- 20 December 1968 Cordon operations were continued the next day with the following results: Detained: 43; Classified: 31 – IC, 10 - Draft age men, 1 – Deserter, 1 - Civil Offender
- 20 December 1969 In response to intelligence, C/2-502 engaged an enemy squad, killing seven and capturing seven weapons, later killing another. (Rendezvous With Destiny: Screaming Eagles Vietnam Diary 1969)
- 20 December 1970 **Operation JEFFERSON GLEN/MONSOON PLAN 70:** Delta Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502d Infantry 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon found a booby trap consisting of a 60mm mortar round and a pressure type release at grid YD775029. The round was on the east ridge of an LZ on a trail in the area, which had was one foot wide, heading east and had tracks of three to five people, about five days old. The booby trap was blown in place.

**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 502<sup>nd</sup> IN Regiment.**

- 2 x Silver Star Medal
- 1 x Bronze Star Medal Posthumously
- 1 x Bronze Star Medal with Valor
- 29 x Purple Hearts (8 x Posthumously)
- 1 x Army Commendation Medal with Valor
- 2 x Died of Non-Hostile Injuries or Illness

14 December 1965 SSG Pete A. Valasquez (B/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action which resulted in his death from multiple fragmentation wounds in the Province not reported, South Vietnam.

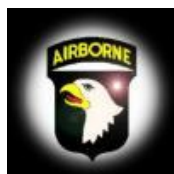
14 December 1970 PFC Richard L. Maynard Jr. (D/2-501 IN) died from Non-hostile causes as a ground casualty in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.



14 December 1970 SP4 William J. Odstrcil (D/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received resulting in his death from hostile injury while missing as a passenger aboard a “Dust Off” helicopter out of Camp Eagle and one of five men who died when the UH-1 Huey was lost. Four of the men were from the Air Ambulance Platoon, 326<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne.

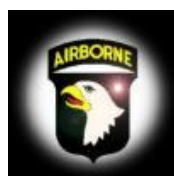


14 December 2005 PFC Christopher Frew (A/2-101BTB) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received. A/2-101BTB sent a convoy on a mission to drop off the engineer company’s earthmoving assets to JS Bridge. The convoy leadership



assigned PFC Frew as the gunner for the convoy's trail vehicle, an M1114. PFC Frew was responsible for the convoy's rear security, thus he had his turret oriented to the convoy's rear. The convoy was traveling southwesterly on Route Sportster when the rear vehicle was hit by an IED of unknown size on the left side of the vehicle towards the vehicle's rear. During the explosion, PFC Frew was wounded in his lip and cheek. Once he was evacuated to FOB Yusufiyah, the medics removed a one centimeter piece of shrapnel from his cheek and also noticed that the blast had chipped one on his teeth and knocked another tooth out of his mouth.

- 14 December 2005 SSG Francisco J. Garcia (A/2-502 IN) earned the Army Commendation with Valor for valorous action in combat against a hostile force.
- 15 December 1965 SGT James W. Grey (B/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action which resulted in his death from multiple fragmentation wounds in the Province not reported, South Vietnam.
- 16 December 1968 PFC James M. Ludwig (B/1-502) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action which resulted in his death from misadventure (friendly fire) in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.
- 16 December 1970 SGT Val C. Robinson (D/2-502 IN) died from Non-hostile injury as a ground casualty in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.
- 17 December 2005 SSG Felipe Leal Jr. (B/1-75 CAV) actions in combat earn him the Purple Heart. For wounds sustained as a result of enemy or hostile action.
- 17 December 2010 The following Soldiers: LTC Kevin Douglas, SPC Andrew Gaines and SPC Jarrod Kapp (HHC/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart from wounds sustained when an insurgent attacked their unit with indirect fire.
- 17 December 2010 The following Soldiers: PV2 Jarred Gardunio and PV2 Coty Murray (B/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart from wounds sustained when an insurgent attacked their unit with indirect fire.
- 17 December 2010 SPC Amanda Simpson (C/526 BSB) earned the Purple Heart from wounds sustained when an insurgent attacked her unit with indirect fire. She is assigned to Company C, 526th Brigade Support Battalion.
- 18 December 2005 SGT Edward Cervantez (C/1-502 IN) actions in combat earn him the Purple Heart. While returning to FOB Latafiyah from a patrol the third vehicle in the convoy was making a left turn into the FOB when an IED placed at the entrance road detonated. SGT Cervantez was driving the lead vehicle when a piece of shrapnel came through the front windshield of the vehicle. The shrapnel caused lacerations along his right earlobe and behind his ear down his neck. He also took glass to eyes and burns to his face.
- 18 December 2005 SPC Christopher Polley (C/1-502 IN) actions in combat earn him the Purple Heart. While returning to FOB Latafiyah from a patrol the third vehicle in the convoy was making a left turn into the FOB when an IED placed at the entrance road detonated. SPC Polley was riding in rear passenger seat of the lead vehicle when the IED detonated, causing him to hit his head. The injury caused temporary loss of consciousness and psychogenic shock to SPC Polley.
- 18 December 2010 SGT Zachary Fraker (C/1-75 CAV) earned the Purple Heart from wounds sustained when an insurgent attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.



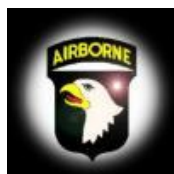
- 19 December 1944 PFC James J. Corr (502d PIR) was awarded the Silver Star Medal while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action in the vicinity of Recogne, Belgium.
- 19 December 2005 The following Soldiers from B/1-502 IN were traveling on Route Fatboy when their convoy hit an Improvised Explosive Device and earned the Purple Heart for action in combat: 1LT Jerald Eidson for a shrapnel wound received on his left arm resulting in a fracture from the IED blast. SPC Noah Galloway recieved shrapnel wounds on his right arm and thigh, shrapnel wounds received on his left arm and left leg, resulting in both being amputated, all resulting from an IED blast. PFC Ryan Davis received shrapnel wounds on his left thigh from an IED blast.
- 19 December 2005 The Following Soldiers from HHC/1-502 were traveling on Route Jackson when their convoy hit an Improvised Explosive Device and earned the Purple Heart for action in combat: SGT Aaron Houser was wounded while conducting counter-IED operations. He was within 15 feet of an IED explosion. SPC Robert Kitelinger was wounded while conducting counter-IED operations. Soldier was within 10 meters of an IED explosion. PV2 Matthew Hazen was wounded while conducting counter-IED operations. He was within 10 meters of the IED explosion.
- 19 December 2005 SSG Johnnie V. Mason, 32, of Rio Vista, Texas; an EOD Technician assigned to 717<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company, 184<sup>th</sup> Ordnance BN, 52<sup>nd</sup> Ordnance Group (EOD), Ft Campbell, Ky.; was awarded the Purple Heart (Posthumously). SSG Mason was killed in Al Mahmadiyah, Iraq when an IED detonated near his HMMWV while on a combat patrol with HHC/1-502 IN.
- 19 December 2005 PV2 Gilbert Njuguna (HHC/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for actions in combat. PV2 Njuguna was wounded while conducting counter-IED operations. He was within 15 feet of the IED explosion.
- 19 December 2010 PFC Conrado Javier Jr. (I/3-2 CAV), 19, of Marina, California; was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and wounds received in action resulting in his death. PFC Javier Jr. died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device.
- 19 December 2010 The following Soldiers: SGT Jonathan Nwaoha, SGT Kampol Paksrilent and SPC Benjamin Huff (I/3-2 CAV) earned the Purple Heart from wounds sustained when an insurgent attacked their mounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.
- 20 December 1944 The following Soldiers: PVT Larence E. Laster (B/502<sup>nd</sup> PIR), and 1LT Lamoy D. Clark [1] (H/502<sup>nd</sup> PIR) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in their death during WWII in Belgium, Germany.

## STRIKE HISTORY (Citation's and Awards):

19 December 1944



PFC James J. Corr (502d PIR) was awarded the Silver Star Medal while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944 in the vicinity of Recogne, Belgium, while acting as flank patrol for his battalion, he was recalled to the column. While returning he observed a cleverly camouflaged enemy machine gun emplacement manned by seven enemy Soldiers. Realizing eh serious threat this gun presented to the main body and aware of the lack of time in which to warn the battalion, Private





First Class Corr attacked the position alone. Although he drew intense fire, he boldly returned the enemy fire. While crawling to within hand grenade range of the enemy installation, he narrowly escaped injury from several enemy-thrown grenades. During this single-handed assault, he killed two of the enemy with one grenade, and by vigorous personal assault, captured the remaining five. His courage aggressiveness exemplifies the highest standards of the military service.

20 December 1970

1LT Frank M. Campagne (E/2-501 IN) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Korea on 20 December 1970. Lieutenant Campagne distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry, during combat operations in Thua Thin Province, Republic of Vietnam. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Lieutenant Campagne's platoon came under intense hostile fire and sustained two serious casualties reacting immediately, Lieutenant Campagne subjected himself to the intense hostile fire to pull the wounded to a relatively secure area. Returning to his position, he called for a directed accurate aerial artillery on the enemy emplacements. His actions were instrumental in saving the life of one of his men and in lessening the threat of any further casualties. Lieutenant Campagne'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. (DA, HQ, 101<sup>st</sup> ABN DIV (Airmobile), General Order Number 846)

#### **\*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 502<sup>nd</sup> in different brigades of the 101<sup>st</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was in the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade with 1-327<sup>th</sup> and 2-327<sup>th</sup> 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."

