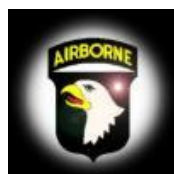




2nd BCT, 101st ABN DIV (AASLT)
“STRIKE HISTORY”
30 June – 06 July 2013



- 30 June 1944 Following redeployment and pulling security duties near Cherbourg starting 30 June, the 502D is taken off the line and returned to England in order to refit for future operations.
- 30 June 1968 A/1-502 set up blocking positions on NW side of village vic. YD6832, while PF's swept through, from SE, resulting in 3 VC KIA, 5 VC captured. C/1-502 had 1 KIA and 1 WIA by BBT.
- 30 June 1969 All units continued RIF operations in the AO as activity continued on a minor scale; the enemy was apparently avoiding decisive contact. At 1415H, D/1-502 observed two NVA swimming in the river; the element engaged the swimmers, killing 1 NVA. At 1705H, C/1-502, vic. AS961960, received enemy small arms fire that resulted in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA; the element returned fire with negative assessment.
- July 1942 The activation of the two full airborne divisions the 82nd and the 101st was ordered and the 502nd was assigned as a permanent unit of the 101st Airborne Division. Shortly after they became part of the 101st the 502nd PIR moved from Fort Benning, Georgia to join the rest of the division, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Throughout the rest of 1942 and into 1943 the 502nd took part in a grueling training program, which consisted of individual, unit, and combined division training.
- 01 July 1941 502d Parachute Battalion activated at Fort Benning, Georgia as the 502d Parachute Battalion, as an experimental unit formed to test the doctrine and tactics of parachute assault.
- 01 July 1968 1-502 IN Battalion continued search and clear operations. Elements form “Pistol Pete” (Sweet Banner 65), PF, Recon, and Alpha Company combined in joint operations vic. YD6338. Results: 2 VC KIA. Later 1NVA and 1 VC Hoi Chanh to Alpha Company, PF's with Alpha killed 3 VC, 3 VC POW.
- 01 July 1969 The 1st Brigade and the 1-502 observed the new fiscal year with the largest cache discovery of Operation LAMAR PLAIN as all units continued extensive RIF operations with light enemy contact. At 1034H, D/1-052, vic. AS944955, had their point man engage and wound 1 NVA at a range of 75 meters, the NVA and two weapons were captured and evacuated. At 1204H, C/1-502, vic. AS997963, observed and engaged an NVA, and in the ensuing fire fight suffered 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. At 1445H, Recon/1-502, vic. AS932955, found 5 huts measuring 15 by 12 feet and containing approximately 10 tons of weapons and munitions to include 29 SKS, 72 AK47, one M-1, three 60mm mortars, thirty -seven 122mm rockets, 13 cases AK47 ammunition, thirteen 75mm RR rounds, 284 RPG rounds, 8 assorted artillery rounds, 10 cases SKS ammunition, 19 cases of blasting caps and numerous mortar fuses. At 1810H, C/1-502, vic. AS975971 found a small lean-to containing two hundred 82mm mortar rounds and 78 RPG rounds.
- July 2003 2-502 IN established Mosul's first Military Stipend Payment Sight. Over \$736,560 was paid to Iraqi Army veterans over a seven day period without incident.
- July 2006 Operation Necessary Strike (1-502 IN). An Air Assault operation in which two bridges were destroyed to limit the movement of AIF within Talon's AO.



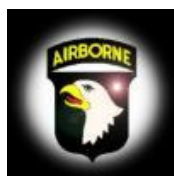
01 July 2006 MNF-I Commander, General Casey, visits Strike BCT and receives an O&I update which he responds with “It is rare when I can point to a Brigade that has had such a strategic impact on my two priority goals-securing Baghdad and defeating Al Qaeda.”

01 July 2008 Operation Strike Paladins Strike Brigade executes Operation Strike Paladins to maintain the offensive against an emerging sniper threat in the Strike AO. The concept of the operation is to accomplish this through a strong IA and CF partnership. Decisive to this operation is the sharing of intelligence across the 2BCT and ISF to maximize situational awareness on Precision Small Arms Fire (PSAF) incidents. Through partnership we can analyze a post attack PSAF operational timeline to better establish target selection, egress routes and other characteristics. We will continue active intelligence collection focused on weapons sales, returning local nationals to the AO, and build precision targeting with adjacent CF organizations. Through active defense we will conduct joint patrolling mounted and dismounted, block routes to preferred shooting locations, and develop chokepoints at TCPs to interdict possible sniper activity. Passive defense will focus on protecting the force through education of Soldiers on PSAF TTPs, emplacement of UGS cameras in designated areas, and IO products that promote rewards for local nationals that provide information. Units will continue to conduct offensive operations focusing on combined muhalla clearance, increase counter sniper defensive measures, ISOP sniper employment and intelligence development through SoI and IA engagements to defeat this threat. 1-320 FAR supports by engaging Iraqi Patrol Police in Hurriya, forming strong partnerships with leaders and patrolmen, and conducting joint missions across Hurriya.

1-5 July 2012 **Kabul directives for ANSF operations in Nuristan.** ANSF Nuristan planning began following a MOD and MOI ciphers directing the 201st ANA Corps and 202nd Shamshad to clear and re-establish a district center in the Waygal Valley. On 04 JUL 12, the Corps staff conducted a Waygal planning meeting with representation from ANA Commando Kandak, 202nd AUP Shamshad, and the OCC-R Central. Following the meeting, the Corps directs 2/201 ANA Brigade to plan for the execution of Waygal clearance prior to Ramadan (~15 AUG 12) and state that the operation will be conducted by ground due to lack of rotary-wing lift support.

Kunar AUP providing support to investigations. The Asadabad Judicial Court presided over a case at the Asadabad Courthouse on 4 JUL 12. The case involved two defendants (both former AUP and one formerly assigned as a guard to the Provincial Councilman, Haji Mia Hassan) who were accused of kidnapping a 14-year old boy and raping him in an Asadabad hotel. After the presentation of evidence and testimony by witnesses and doctors, both individuals were found guilty. Sentences ranged from 5 years for the accomplice to 15 years for the rapist, plus an additional 5 years for abuse of authority as a member of the AUP. The additional 5 years was noteworthy as a public display of the court's defense of the integrity and legitimacy of the AUP. GIRONA displayed that AUP are not “above the law” and will be punished for abuse of their authority.

201st ANA Corps Consolidation and Realignment. 4/4/201 and GSU/4/201 graduated from CFC on 5 JUL 12, and the units conducting ground movement from Kabul to FOB Gamberi to begin RSOI. Following leave, the units will establish operations and basing at FOB Goshta in eastern Nangahar Province. ANA Soldiers prepare rounds for a base defense live fire exercise (JUL 12). FOB/COP transition and service contracts. 201st Corps, in coordination with 1/201 ANA Brigade, deployed a delegation to inspect and assess the infrastructure of COP Nagil post-12 Jun 12 transfer. For this operation, combat advisors synchronized a mortar live fire and air ground integration exercise to test the ANA Kandak's ability to request and employ coalition enablers at an unpartnered location. The Afghan staff assisted visit (SAV) also noted that the Kandak are maintaining their tactical infrastructure and finding Afghan sustainable solutions to problems on the base



- 02 July 1968 1-502 IN continued operations with 5 tanks attached to Delta Company, 4 dozers (RP) to Bravo. Light contact with 1 VC KIA (stay behind ambush), 1 US and 1 PF WIA by BBT.
- 02 July 1969 2nd BN (Ambl.), 502nd Infantry conducts a four-company assault into the high ground south of Phu Loc to search out and destroy enemy units and installations.
- 03 July 1968 Because of heavy BBT in vic. YD6129 artillery preps followed by air strikes were used prior to troops entering the area. C/1-502 IN had 1 VC KIA and 1 US WIA from sniper fire. A/1-502 IN had 3 WIA by Chi Com grenades. Alpha Company captured 3 VC.
- 03 July 2009 526th BSB awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation in support of military operations from Oct. 18, 2007 – Nov. 18, 2008. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 526th Support Battalion, and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit displayed outstanding devotion to duty and superior performance of difficult tasks in one of the most complex and lethal battle spaces in Iraq. The unit also effectively sustained a combat brigade, an area medical operation, and created a partnership with the Iraqi army that facilitated improvements in their logistical, mechanical, and communication skills.
- 04 July 1863 Old Abe, the bald eagle mascot of the 8th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment from which the Division mascot traces its lineage, was present with his unit at the siege of Vicksburg which fell on 4 July 1863.
- 05 July 2003 2-502 IN Soldiers began to screen, recruit, train, equip, and integrate over 541 Iraqi civilians into the new Facility Protection Security Forces (FPSF) program, designed to hire and train Iraqi citizens and former Iraqi Army veterans to protect their own government facilities. The guards were trained in professional ethics, first aid, reacting to explosives, and weapons familiarization. 2-502 IN was the first unit in the BCT to conduct a mobile-training team in order to recruit and hire FPSF guards for cities miles outside of Mosul proper.
- 06 July 1948 Activated at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, as a training unit that was Airborne only in name. The 101st was recalled to active duty under the command of MG William R. Schmidt, former commander of the 76th ID during WWII. From 6 JUL-31 MAY 49, 23,000 personnel were trained in the Division. The primary purpose of the Division was a basic training unit, indoctrinating incoming Soldiers to the Army. During this period of basic training and instruction, there was no airborne training occurring at Camp Breckinridge, so the Airborne tab was not worn the 101st patch during this time.
- 04 July 1968 1-502 IN continued operations with security for An Lo, mine sweep and search and clear operations. One eagle flight was flow. An Air Strike was called in on vic. YD6029. Contact was light with Gunships killing 3 VC, 3 Bodies (2 VC and 1 NVA) KIA by artillery was discovered buried. The Battalion encountered many BBT's suffering 4 WIA and 15 tons of rice was recovered from cache.
- 04 July 1968 **Operation NEVADA EAGLE:** 2-502 TAC CP relocated to FSB Normandy. Units operated to the southwest encountering light isolated contact.
- 05 July 1968 1-502 IN continued search and clear, and Rome plow operations. Resulting in 3 VC KIA and 4 VC captured. A Hoi Chanh was taken up in a chopper for PSYOPS purposes. 1 US KIA by BBT and 1 WIA
- 05 July 1969 At 0645H, A/1-502, vic. BS031953, found a recently abandoned FW compound containing US and NVA clothing, 2 SKS rifles and 1 US 1903 Springfield Rifle. At



0925H, BT265093, triggered an unknown type booby-trap resulting in 2 US WIA. At 1130H, A/1-502, vic. BT029950, engaged a three man force at 50 meters, capturing 1 VC and his weapon.

05 July 1970

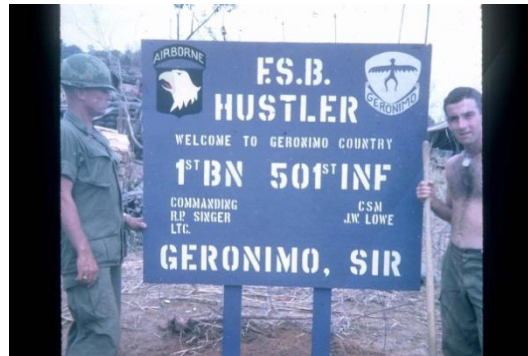
Operation TEXAS STAR: 1st Platoon of C/2-502 received small arms fire with no casualties and unknown enemy casualties.

06 July 1968

1-502 IN had light contact, Bravo Company had 1 WIA from BBT and PF's had 1 KIA from BBT. Several Weapons and small caches were found and 1 VC KIA.

06 July 1969

The temp of activity was escalated in Operation LAMAR PLAIN with two B52 strikes in the area, followed by a major BDA effort conducted by the 1-501. At 0440H and 0649H, B52 strikes were put in vic. BS2399 and BS2698. B/2-17 CAV conducted extensive aerial BDA in the area at first light and received ground fire from several locations. At 0820H, 1-501 began the BDA by conducting a CA into an LZ vic.



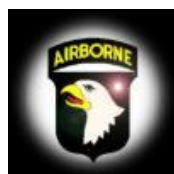
BT299028 and establishing FSB Hustler. At 1301H, two more companies combat assaulted into the B52 strike area for an extensive ground BDA. Elsewhere in the AO, 2-17 CAV continued its aerial BDA. At 0930H, A/1-502, vic. BS019946, engaged an unknown sized enemy force resulting in 1 US KIA. At 1010H, A/1-502, vic. BS038948, engaged and killed 1 VC and captured his weapon. At 1335H, B/2-17 CAV, vic. BS255966, observed 2 VC KIA by the air strike, again at 1550H, vic. BS255966 observed 2 VC KIA by the air strike, again at 1550H, vic. BS255967, a fifth VC KIA was observed. At 1520H, A/1-502, vic. BS041963, engaged two VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA and the other fleeing to the east. B/101st HHB was placed OPCON to 1st Brigade, replacing A/101st HHB.

06 July 2012

ANSF enabler training and capacity building. On 6 JUL 12, 2/201 conducted a combined-arms live fire at FOB Joyce consisting of two platoons from 2/2/201 with heavy weapons, 82mm mortars and D30s firing in support. National and local media videotaped the event as the company commander synchronized his direct and indirect fire assets to allow the assault force to seize the objective. In addition, 201 Corps began its first IED Mitigation Training (IMT) instruction at Gamberi Garrison this week to focus the 32 Soldier class on the necessary skills to safely reduce IEDs.

During this week, in the span of 71 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, 501st IN (Vietnam) and the 502nd IN Regiment (*See STRIKE HISTORY NOTE).

- 3 x Silver Star Medals
- 1 x Army Commendation Medals with Valor
- 3 x Bronze Star Medals (3 x Posthumously)
- 67 x Purple Heart Medals (35 x Posthumously)



June 1944

The following Soldier: PVT John W. McGroarty (HQ/1-502d PIR); 2LT Foy E. Baker (HQ/3-502d PIR); PVT Walter F. Apsega, PFC William C. Dulabon, PVT Alfred L. Krause (502d PIR); PFC Kenneth L. Creager (A/502d PIR); 1LT David G. Allen, PVT J. D. Luna (D/502d PIR); PVT Jay C. Bowman (E/502d PIR); PVT Henry W. Cotton, PVT Robert W. Jones, PFC Stephen G. Lotakis (F/502d PIR); T/5 John H. Clark (H/502d PIR); PVT William E. Foley, PFC Charles W. Hugi, PFC John M. Morgan (I/502d PIR) was awarded the Purple Heart (Posthumously). These Soldiers died from wounds sustained during combat against a hostile force in Normandy, France.

30 June 1969

SP4 Gerard J. Flieger (D/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death from small arms gun fire in the Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam.

30 June 1970

CPL Phillip M. Horst (B/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death while on a combat operation when mistaken for a hostile force and fired upon by friendly forces from FSB Birmingham, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

30 June 1971



SSG Gary L. Lewis (C/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action from other explosive device which resulted in his death in the Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam.

30 June 2008

SSG Aaron Sirmin (1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when he was on a mounted patrol when his vehicle struck an IED. He received first and second degree burns to his legs and buttocks.

30 June 2008

SPC Derrell Johnson (1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when he was wounded by the enemy.

01 July 1968

SGT Miles R. Gregoire (C/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from an explosive device, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

01 July 1969

CPL David J. Collins (D/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from multiple fragmentations, in the Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam.

01 July 2010

PFC Daniel Oswald (A/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with a grenade.

02 July 1971

SP4 Jimmy R. Murrell (D/1-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from small arms gunfire, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

02 July 1971

SSG Frederick W. Murphy (A/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from an explosive device, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

02 July 2010

The following Soldiers: 1LT James Lazak, SGT David Houk, SGT Adam Cruea, PFC Lukas Cullum, PFC Corey Tickner and PFC Nathan Cook (B/2-508 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked their unit with a vehicle borne improvised explosive device.



02 July 2010

SSG Grant Blaeser (C/2-508 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

02 July 2010



PFC David Jefferson (HHC/1-502 IN), 23, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wound received which resulted in his death when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device.

02 July 2010

The following Soldiers: SGT Jeremy Smith, SGT Jesse Wallace, SGT Joshua Putman and SPC Deven Schei (A/2 BSTB) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device.

03 July 1944

PVT Elmer F. Schein (HQ/2-502d PIR) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in their death in Normandy, France.

03 July 1968

PFC Ronald K. Weister (D/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from an explosive device, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

03 July 1969

PFC Robert E. King (C/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from small arms gun fire, in the Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam.

03 July 1970

SP4 Terry W. Triplett (C/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742)

03 July 2010

PFC Kevin Black Jr. (C/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with small arms fire.

04 July 1968

SP4 Morris Powell (C/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

04 July 1969

PFC Thomas S. Bonventre (C/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from an explosive device, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

04 July 1970

PFC Mark R. Closen (C/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742)

04 July 1970

The following Soldiers: SGT Jimmie L. Robinson, 1LT William L. Sullivan, SGT Gary D. Thaden, and CPL Carl L. Mickens (C/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from an explosive device, on a Ridge SE from Hill 902, vic. FSB Ripcord, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.



04 July 1970



SP4 William P. Lyons (A/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from small arms gun fire, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

04 July 2010

SGT Matthew Kendall Jr. (A/1-320 FA) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device.

04 July 2010

PFC Clayton McGarrah (C/2-508 IN), 20, of Harrison, Arkansas; earned the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received which resulted in his death when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device.

04 July 2010

The following Soldiers: SSG Andrew Jennings and SGT Erick Santamaria (C/2-508 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when insurgents attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device.

05 July 1967

SGT Andrew P. Stein Jr. (A/2-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from small arms gun fire, in the Quang Ngai Province, South Vietnam.

05 July 1968



PFC Gary D. Templeton (A/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from an explosive device, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

05 July 1970



The following Soldiers: PFC Richard R. Timmons (Pictured) , SGT Delbert D. Cormeny (A/2-501 IN); SGT Jimmy W. Parker, SGT Cleo R. Lovell, PFC Mark R. Closen (C/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742)

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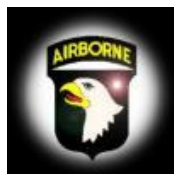
SGT Michael K. Waymire (C/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from small arms gun fire wounds, at FSB Ripcord, in the Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam.

06 July 1969

PFC David E. Buttry (A/1-502 IN) earned the Purple Heart (Posthumously) for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death from multiple fragmentations, in the Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam.

06 July 1970

The following Soldiers: SP4 Edwin G. Garvin (HHC/2-501 IN); SGT Dharles A. Boise, SP4 Alan L. Wentworth (A/2-501 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received during action in combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. (HQ, 101st ABN DIV; General Orders Number 8742)



06 Jul7 2008

SPC Steven Giddings (1-22 IN) earned the Purple Heart for military merit and for wounds received when wounded by the enemy.

STRIKE HISTORY (Citation's and Awards):

01 July 1968 –
30 November 1968

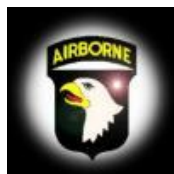
SGT William P. Hudek (D/2-502 IN) was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations in the Republic of Vietnam. His outstanding performance during the cited period was a significant contribution in support of the United States counterinsurgency effort in the Republic of Vietnam. He performed in a highly professional and efficient manner, accomplishing his assigned mission with exceptional results. He set an example that inspired his associates to strive for maximum achievement. His initiative, sound judgment, loyalty and will to succeed have been in the best tradition of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United State Army.

02 July 1967

SSG Jerry S. Maki (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action against a hostile force on 2 July 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Maki distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as a Platoon Sergeant. Observing two enemy soldiers approaching his ambush site beyond the killing zone and realizing that he had no time to warn his men, Sergeant Maki, with complete disregard for his own safety, left his covered position and assaulted the two. He killed on insurgent as he attempted to throw a grenade. Then, moving toward the second enemy soldier's position, he was met with a hail of machinegun fire. Undaunted by the fire, he continued forward until knocked on the ground, dazed by an enemy grenade. Recovering and regaining his footing, Sergeant Maki killed two enemy soldiers, captured a machinegun, two grenades, and various miscellaneous documents. Staff Sergeant Maki's outstanding display of gallantry and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Task Force Oregon, and the United States Army.

06 July 1967

SSG James H. Temple Jr. (B/2-502 IN) was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action against a hostile force on 6 July 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Temple, operating from an observation post in the Song Ve River Valley, volunteered to take two men to knock out a two-man enemy security position just prior to his patrol's attack on the Viet Cong position. Under the cover of darkness, Sergeant Temple and his men moved to within 15 meters of the hostile security position. Then, moving forward, Sergeant Temple displayed complete disregard for his own safety as he exposed himself to the enemy soldiers and killed one and wounded the other with grenades. Immediately, he was brought under automatic weapons fire. Insuring that his men were under cover, he fired a flare to signal the neutralization of the hostile position. Although dangerously exposed by the flare light, he nevertheless directed a steady and accurate volume of fire from his two men. With the assault on the main group of Viet Cong by the supporting patrol, Sergeant Temple again demonstrated his fearless aggression and determination as he exposed himself twice more to the intense hostile fire as he directed his men to keep a heavy volume of fire on the objective and as he moved to a more advantageous position from which to bring more effective firepower against the enemy. Through Sergeant Temple's outstanding display of courage, the assault element was able to overrun the enemy position and force the Viet Cong to flee. Staff Sergeant Temple's unquestionable valor and determination were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Task Force Oregon, and the United States Army.



06 July 1970

CPT William L. Whitmore (A/2-17 CAV) was awarded the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Troop A, 2d Squadron (Airmobile), 17th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 6 July 1970. Captain Whitmore distinguished himself while serving as pilot of a CH-6A light observation helicopter supporting a Ranger team in heavy contact with an enemy force. Despite intense hostile fire directed against his aircraft, Captain Whitmore flew at low level and marked the enemy positions for supporting armed helicopters. When the Ranger team leader was seriously wounded, Captain Whitmore descended through the hostile fire to the team's position. Although a heavy volume of enemy fire was directed against the aircraft, Captain Whitmore hovered in the landing zone until the wounded Ranger was placed aboard. Evading the hostile fire, Captain Whitmore then ascended and flew the wounded man to the nearest medical facility. Captain Whitmore'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. (Headquarters, 101st Airborne Division, General Orders No. 9361 (August 15, 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."

