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Photo: Lt. Peter M. Swartz and US Naval Advisory Tm, w/ VN HQ Counterparts at construction of pig raising facility, Phú Quốc Island, built to raise living standards and diet of personnel. (SEA, AIR AND LAND, US Navy in VN; US GPO).

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Hope all had a healthy and enjoyable Thanksgiving, as appropriate prelude to a meaningful Christmas and Hannukah season, and shall remain healthy and prosper in 1996.

Once again, we begin SITREP with welcome news:

Nhà thơ Nguyễn Chí Thiện đã tới Hoa Kỳ chữa bệnh

In a completely unanticipated development, poet Nguyễn Chí Thiện was released from house arrest and allowed to come to the U.S. for medical treatment, presumably as a quasi-political refugee. Thiện, author of 'counter-revolutionary' poetry has been in prison for most of the last 39 years, having had the audacity to call Ho Chi Minh a 'devil king' whose peasant sandals are 'iron heels' crushing the people of VN. His book HOA ĐỊA NGỤC/FLOERS FROM HELL is as solid and gripping as anything which has won a Nobel Literature Prize \$8.05, as of last year, from Yale Southeast Asia Studies; Box 13A; New Haven; Connecticut; 06520. In English and (Tiang Viet).



Nhà thơ Nguyễn Chí Thiện

Ill from years of prison, Thiện is sure to receive the medical treatment which will enable him to push on with his mission of 'fighting against the crime of tyranny.'. Upon his 1 Nov 1995 arrival Mr. Thiện declared the United States to be the capital of Freedom' and that his coming here is a 'dream I have nurtured through the decades.'.

Thien's release is due solely to the dogged persistence of Col. (USAF, Ret. Noboru Masuoka, whom members may recall was the driving force behind the release and emigration of Thiệu Tá/Maj. Nguyễn Quy An, DFC recipient for his rescue of 4 US personnel shot down in Laos. Col. Masuoka had previously worked his magic for Trung Tá/LTC Bui Quyen, who arrived in the US just in time to see his son graduate from the US Air Force Academy. In all three cases, Col. Masuoka has used his own time and money, been willing to pay for travel expenses and sign an affidavit of support.

Aside from local San Jose coverage, news coverage was non-existent, hardly appropriate for a literary figure who ranks with Solzhenitsyn as an unswerving adversary of rabid ideology and police state politics. As Thien was released, and was later to testify before a House International Relations Subcommittee, US media-pukes journalists were busy following McNamara's trip to Hanoi, where he could confer with Vo Nguyen Giap, attempting to learn something about Việt Nam. Nguyễn Chí Thiệu on McNamara: 'He doesn't understand anything about Việt Nam. He doesn't understand anything about the Việt Nameese people.'. Until such time as Robert Strange understands why Nguyễn Chí Thiệu spent 12 years (rpt: 12) in solitary confinement, amidst 'normal' prison time of another 20-some years, this candid observation will remain valid.

We at COUNTERPARTS/TƯỜNG HỮU ĐÔNG NAM Á welcome Nguyễn Chí Thiệu, wish him well as he receives badly medical attention, and with great admiration commend him for his indomitable courage and conviction.

Dissident appeals for U.S. influence

San Jose Mercury News, Thursday 9 Nov 95

■ Human rights: Vietnamese poet seeks to free 'prisoners of conscience.'

BY THOMAS FARRAGHER
Mercury News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A week after leaving the country that imprisoned him for half his life, ailing Vietnamese dissident Nguyen Chi Thien walked into a Capitol hearing room Wednesday and implored Congress to help unlock jail cells across his homeland.

"I believe it is within the power of the United States and other free nations on earth to influence Hanoi in many ways so that it will have to release the prisoners of conscience from their cruel places of exile and shameful prisons," Thien told a House international-relations subcommittee.

Thien, whose poems have helped make him a martyr in overseas Vietnamese communities, was freed from a Vietnamese prison in 1991 and placed under virtual house arrest. Thought to have tuberculosis, he was allowed to leave last week through the efforts of retired U.S. Air Force Col. Noboru Masuoka of Sunnyvale.

Wednesday, he was among a parade of witnesses who detailed oppression and squalid imprisonment at the hands of a government they called unworthy of special treatment from Washington.

Clinton administration officials found themselves on the defensive as Republican lawmakers, who convened the hearing on Vietnam human rights violations, charged the United States has moved too swiftly and too unconditionally in normalizing diplomatic relations with its former wartime enemy in Southeast Asia.

"Many of us had hoped that the administration's sudden recognition of the communist government in Hanoi meant that we had received reliable assurances that there would be immediate and substantial improvement in Hanoi's dismal human rights record," said Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., who was chairman of Wednesday's hearing.

"It only took a few days to disabuse us of the notion that recognition by the United States would mean a kinder, gentler

Vietnam," Smith said, noting high-profile political trials conducted in Vietnam since President Clinton's decision to recognize Vietnam in July.

Wednesday, Vietnam jailed two veteran dissidents on charges of acting against the interests of the state. Hoang Minh Chinh, 76, and Do Trung Hieu, 57, were jailed for 12 months and 15 months, respectively, a court official said, reportedly for calling for the rehabilitation of top officials purged more than 30 years ago and for distributing anti-socialist propaganda.

Steven Coffey, an acting deputy assistant secretary of state, told the House panel that while the administration recognizes the importance of building economic

ties with Vietnam, it won't do that at the expense of human rights demands.

"There is no getting around the fact that the Vietnamese government still severely limits civil liberties, particularly freedom of expression, association and religion," Coffey said.

Noting it had been just four months since relations were normalized, he said, "We cannot expect comprehensive change overnight."

Mike Jendrzeczyk, Washington director of Human Rights Watch/Asia, called on the administration to make it clear that Vietnam will not gain most-favored-nation status — which lowers trade barriers — until its human rights and labor rights record improves.

And... Sincere and heartfelt gratitude to Col. Noboru Masuoka, who succeeded in an endeavor which professional diplomats apparently did not deem worthy of their efforts, or whose diplomatic skills were insufficient to trade one Ford Motors Plant for one poet.

Other good news: US citizens Nguyễn Văn Tri and Trần Quang Liem, following their conviction for conspiring against socialist nirvana, were 'deported' from VN to US, reportedly in response to pressure from US govt., though motive force behind this action may well have come from deluge of letters sent requesting their release. Your letters are important. They are the mosquitos in a bunker which impel an otherwise blase bureaucrat to do something, if only follow the course of least resistance. Keep writing them.

We-ain't-out-of-the-woods-yet Dept.: Former Communist official Hoang Minh Chinh, 79, has or will soon stand trial for 'anti-socialist propaganda', whatever that means. And...The Venerable Thích Quảng Độ, a renowned Buddhist writer and scholar, remains imprisoned for his denouncing the arrest of 23 monks and lay-Buddhists. He is charged with 'provoking trouble contrary to VN law', 'destroying national unity', and-this is a good one: 'misuse of democratic rights to encroach on the rights of citizens and the State.'. Hanoi also announced he will be tried as 'a delinquent, and not as a Buddhist.'. Thích Quảng Độ is 68 years old. Amnesty International has declared him a prisoner of conscience, asking for his immediate release. Also charged w/above heinous crimes; monks Thích Không Tánh, Thích Nhật Ban, Thích Nhật Thương and Thích Trí Lực (Thích: 'Venerable'). Thích Huyền Quang also being tried for dissident activities.

And..President Lê Đức Anh (Le Đức Thọ's brother), in 2 Sept. National Day speech states the Party controls over government and society should be strengthened. Drink all the Pepsi and drive all the Fords you want folks, and be happy with new jobs as hotel maids and golf course grounds keepers, and then let things be as they are.

It is evident that both Hanoi's Party Hierarchy and US State Dept. are becoming aware of growing discontent over Hanoi human rights violations. Now is the time to write more letters.

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Early QLVNCH patches, left to right: 4th Field Division, 11th Light Field Division, 60th RF (ĐPQ) Regt, 130th RF Regt. Graphics courtesy of Clem Kelly's Viet Nam Insignia Collector Newsletter (Bi-monthly, not quarterly as previously mentioned), \$15.00/year from: Clement Kelly Jr.; 501 West 5th Ave.; Covington, Louisiana; 70433. Make checks payable to Clem, not VICN. Thanks again to Clem for his permission to copy VICN material.

'A child educated only at school is an uneducated child.'

-George Santayana

'In politics, an absurdity is not a handicap.'

-Napoleon

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Công văn đến/In the letter box:

'I was finally reunited with my Counterpart, Đại úy Tường, on 18 Feb. 95, 26 years and 4 months after last serving with him with the 19th River Boat Co., Mỹ Tho. I was forced to go on Emergency Leave but was unable to return.

Rita (J.C.'s CO) and I met with Đại úy Tường and his two young neighbors, Tamy and Joe, who served as interpreters. Đại úy is still learning English, and I've forgotten the little VN I knew. We looked over my old photos, which Tường was glad to see as all of his had been lost or destroyed while he was in the concentration camps. Viewing the pictures, Đại úy Tường pointed out the people who were KIA, and one who turned out to be a VC plant. We all had lunch, talked, strolled around the VN stores and shops, and then had more VN food for dinner-- but they didn't have '33' beer. He and I talked things over, recalling the good-and-bad-ol' days, until late in the evening, parting with the invitation for Đại úy Tường and his wife to visit Rita and me in Texas. It was wonderful to see him again as I'd never forgotten him all these years; Rita felt as if she'd already known him as I'd spoken of him, and of the other men and their families, so often. I always wondered, and worried, but it wasn't until COUNTERPARTS/THẬN NÀ came along that we were able to link up again. I am one happy, and relieved, guy.'



Đại úy Nguyễn Thiện Tường, J.C., Tammy and Joe

Ed.-We're happy for you and Đại úy Tường too J.C. Glad he made it through the camps and is now safe in U.S.

-J.C. Fischer

'I served in VN w/1st Inf. Div., and am now collecting any old or expired military and VN-related auto license plates. Please ask your members if any of them have any to trade; I have 4 Illinois plates, and I'll pay all postage. Thanks for any help.'

Ray Weiner ; Box 72339; Roselle, Illinois; 60172 (708 529-6782)

Ed.-Drop Ray a line if you can help. Help another Vet preserve our history.

'I want all of you to know that the consistent and intelligent efforts made by COUNTERPARTS/TUONG HUU DONG PAM A and many of its members this past year, to save the lives of Hmon combat veterans and their families trapped in Thai refugee camps, has been most

courageous, impressive, and effective. Also, for those absent from the 30 April ceremony at the Wall, I'd like to repeat what I said during that moving ceremony in the rain:

"For Americans who lost loved ones in the Việt Nam War, much healing has taken place at the Wall. But standing in the rain on this gray Spring day, one could see that for the thousands from Việt Nam, Cambodia and Laos-many of whom are now American citizens who lost loved ones in that long fight for freedom-there has been no memorial, no salute, and no Wall-no place to grieve, no place to find the names of loved ones killed in battle, no place for their children and the world to visit to remember their sacrifices. Perhaps this COUNTERPARTS/TUONG HUU ĐONG NAM Á memorial service will be the first step in acknowledging their losses, their suffering, and the gratitude owed them by the US. I would also hope COUNTERPARTS/TUONG HUU ĐONG NAM Á would consider conducting this memorial service again next year--and the next."

Thank you COUNTERPARTS--thank you Grant McClure--thank you all who have given so much this past year to help our Hmong friends here in the U.S., and still in SE Asia.'

-Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt

Ed.-Appreciation goes both ways Dr. Jane. Thank you for your decades of inspirational work, for undertaking the monumental task of writing TRAGIC MOUNTAINS, and for sticking up for friends and allies most Americans don't even know about.

'I got your address through the internet and would appreciate it if you would run the following announcement:

"Writer seeks Cuban-American vets for a book he is editing on the role of Hispanics in Việt Nam. Info: Gil Dominguez; P.O. Box 35472; San Antonio, Texas; 78235. 210 308-9188. I am also in process of starting an open-forum quarterly for all VN Vets. Tentative name is 'Perimeter'. Hope to start in 1996. Need articles, photos, cartoons, poetry, essays, movie/book reviews, commentary, etc. Write for more info."

Thank you very much, and let me know if there is any charge for running this notice.'

-Gil Dominguez

Ed.-Glad to help Gil. No charge. Let us know how you do, and please help spread word about COUNTERPARTS/TUONG HUU ĐONG NAM Á. Thx.

(To J.C.)...'This is to inform you of my contact with former Capt. Vo Sum and his family. Last Saturday I was able to contact him, and I was excited to learn of his safety. He has some heart problems, but was able to visit with me. Since the last occasion of seeing them was in late 1959, when the USS Toledo CA-133 was in Saigon, I would say this was all very rewarding.'

-Floyd G. Evans, CDR DC USN Ret.

Ed.-This letter is very rewarding as well.

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'There's no idea that's so good that a few well-placed idiots can't ruin it.'

-Scott Adams

Mail(cont.): 'As a lifetime member of COUNTERPARTS/TƯỚNG HỮU ĐÔNG NAM Á and a combat disabled veteran, I am very concerned about the recent policy changes implemented by the Clinton Administration regarding recognition of Hanoi's government. The following comment was published by Linda Bowles(Creator's Syndicate) on p. 2 of the 2 August 1995 edition of 'The Conservative Chronicle', and bears repeating:

"(on)...'normalization of relations with Việt Nam: This was the ultimate insult to our fallen heroes. This was the final surrender by those who betrayed them to those who killed them. I have only one question: why was Jane Fonda not standing beside Bill Clinton at the celebration in the White House Garden?"

Amen Ms. Bowles! ...and thank you for keeping faith with honorable Americans! Though defeated, even Civil War confederates had the respect of their opponents and the loyalty of a virtuous leadership; Việt Nam veterans were and are betrayed and reviled by everyone! It's insulting and disgusting!

-Paul Brubaker

Ed.-Paul's comments echo thoughts of many. Apparent refusal to employ ample diplomatic leverage, exacting some human rights concessions in exchange for normalization is taken by many to be another slap in the face. As is always the case, members who disagree are encouraged and welcome to state their case. All that is requested is factual content and logical interpretations of same. Civilized and honest disagreement, minus vitriolic ad hominem condemnations, always has place on these pages. Sometimes two clashing thoughts produce a hybrid alloy called truth.

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'The man who never makes a mistake must get tired of doing nothing.'

-Will Rodgers

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"You spoil that dog, Roy."

Herman

BY JIM UNGER



"Anyone here fly a 747?"

Mới nhập ngũ/New Recruits:

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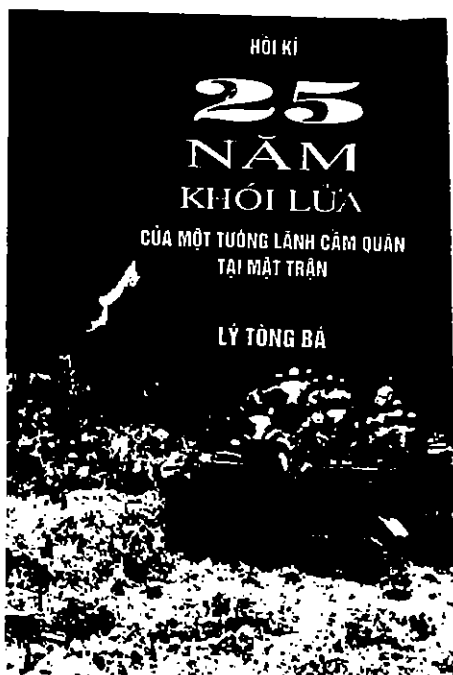
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General Barry R. McCaffrey
U.S. Army

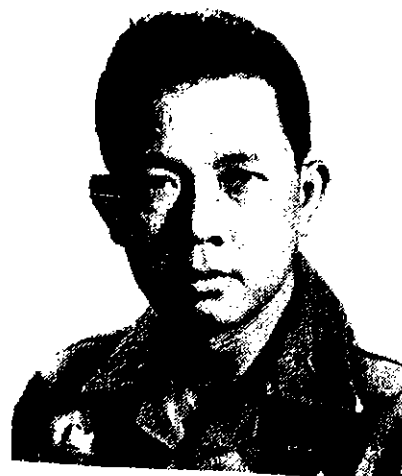
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

By all accounts, this work by member Mike Martin is a worthy addition to anyone's bookshelf, and a very welcome historical compilation. ANGELS IN RED HATS, Paratroopers of the Second Indochina War should receive a much wider audience, and be read by more 'historians' whose previous works are little more than a compilation of newspaper headlines and CBS reporting, superficial as much of it was. ANGELS available from Harmony House Publishers; P.O. Box 90; Prospect, Kentucky; 40059; for \$39.00 plus \$3.50 postage/handling.



25 YEARS OF WAREFARE, THE MEMOIRS OF A COMBAT GENERAL, by Lý Tông Bá.

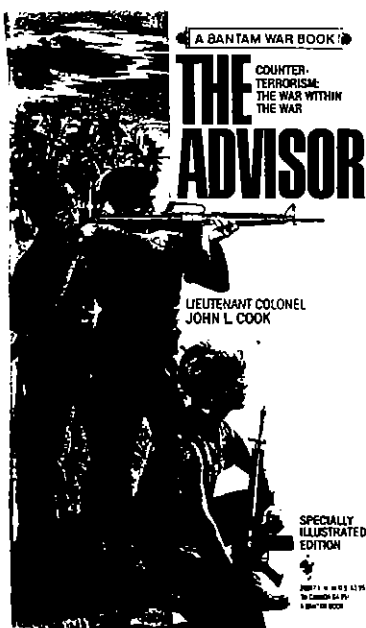
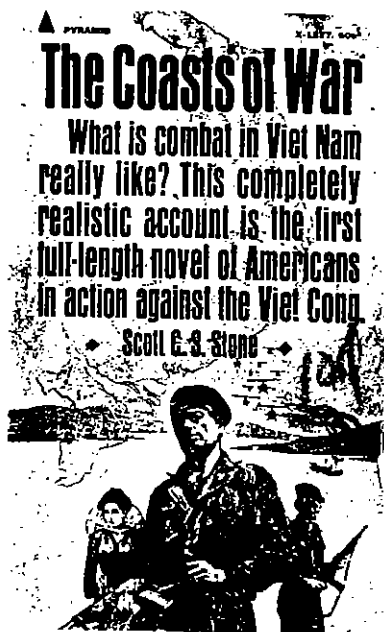
Gen. Lý Tông Bá served for over 30 years, leading troops in combat, from the early 1950s in NVN, to the infamous prison camps. He was on the scene at Ấp Bắc, the siege of Kontum, the Tết Mậu Thân offensive-or counter offensive as some call it, and recounts it in these pages, providing a historical perspective necessary for full understanding of the war. Gen. Bá has some scathing comments about Sheehan's coverage of the battle at Ấp Bắc, and the news media in general, as they fleefully feasted on RVN shortcomings, and cavalierly overlooked VC/NVA deficiencies and barbarism. Ba's account of life in the trại cải tạo/prison camps will reveal little that most of us do not already



yet does include amusing anecdotes of the psywar/CTCT which many pursued against their captors, to include leaving blasphemous graffiti references to Hồ Chí Minh written here and there. This book needs and deserves a translation into English, permitting more English-speaking folks to gain more insight into a war they think they understand. Available from Ly Tong Ba; P.O. Box 28968; Las Vegas, Nevada; 89126; \$15.00 postpaid; \$20.00 postal money order outside of US/Canada. Limited print run on this one, so don't delay.

Periodicals...Chiến Sĩ Quốc Gia(Nationalist Solider) is new periodical written and published by former QLVNCH personnel. First issue in April 1995 focused on politics and psychological warfare. Neither publication schedule nor subscription price available at this writing. Contact: Chiến Sĩ Quốc Gia; 307 Phelan Ave., #6; San Jose, California; California; 95112. Reportedly in Việt Namese/tiếng Việt only.

Out of print:



Two works by two of our members. First, the novel COASTS OF WAR by Scott C.S. Stone, a prescient story, published in 1966, of US junk fleet advisors in the Mekong Delta, describing another aspect of 'Viet Nam-ization/Việt Nam Hóa', by which US Cố Vấn come to see the war as 'their' war, again their friends, and taking the entire matter very personally. Scott's characters are not ones to apologize for their service in VN, and wholeheartedly commit themselves, believing in the people they serve with, and the cause the share. Exploits in this 'fiction' work are to some

extent based on efforts and service of member Jim Vincent, one of our loyal and founding core, whom Stone observed, and served alongside with, on the junk fleet. Search used book stores for this one; worth the effort. THE ADVISOR, by John Cook, is another one of those proverbial can't-put-it-down narrations, all factual, of John's 25 months in Di An Dist., and what became his very personal war against the local VC and their depredations. Book includes intelligent and thoughtful observations in addition to battlefield accounts, addressing thoughts on US policy, poorly informed Americans, guerrilla war, etc. In telling his story, John leaves many befuddled Americans in his wake, wondering why the 'war is the most important thing in his life', why he wants to return to VN after State-side leave, why he wants his wounds treated in VN, rather than Japan, fearing he'll not be able to return. In addition, this is a warts-and-all tale, in which doofus US advisors are singled out for their idiocy, as is the corruption emanating from Saigon.

Book preface sets the tone: 'The ideas, opinions conclusions and collective agony expressed here do not represent the views of the US government and should not be considered official policy. They are mine, all of them, and I have no desire to endanger my story's credibility by such an association.' This outlook carries throughout the book,

to the concluding sentence(1st edition) in which Cố Vấn John, upon leaving VN, ponders his future, deciding 'No matter what was waiting for me, I knew it would be second-rate. It would have to be, because I'd already been through the best.'. There is no better factual account of a Cố Vấn's tours of duty.

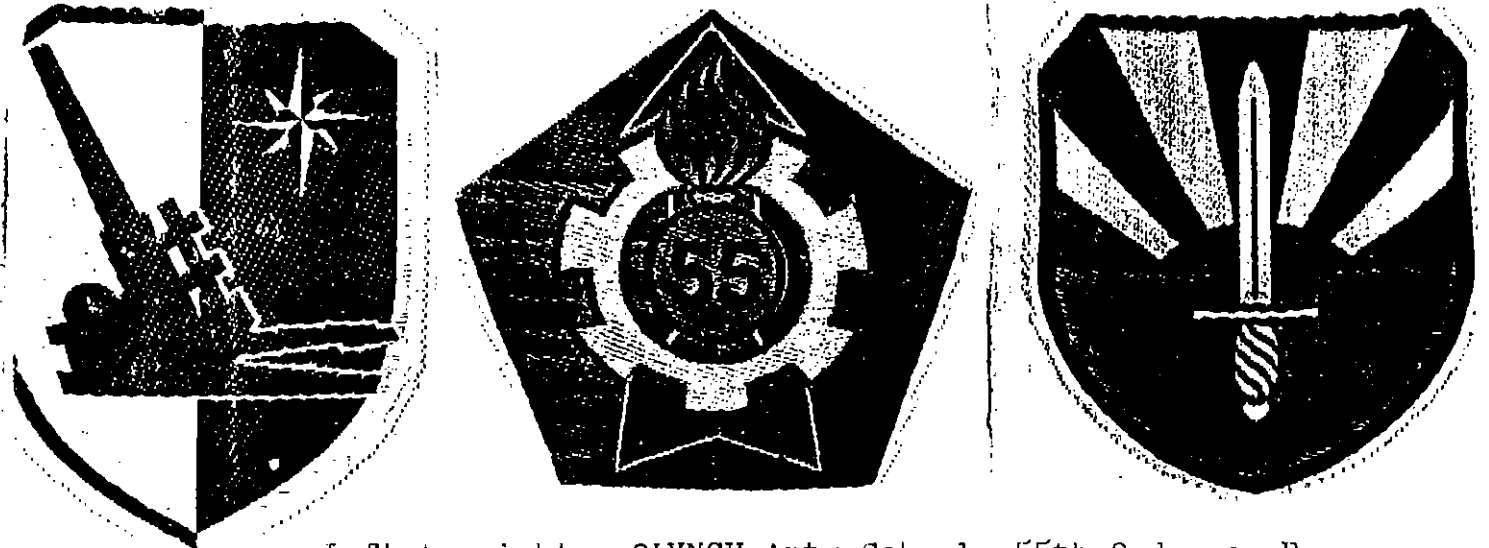
Prowl through used book stores for both of these books. Well worth the search. Fair warning: reading either/both may not leave one in the mood for anything beyond staring out the window for several hours.

Other Preliminary info on new book, BACKFIRE, which purports to chronicle the 'unknown' war in Laos, suggest it is rehash of rumors-verging-propaganda story of drug dealing and other tales in Laos. Author Roger Warner claims to have interviewed Gen. Vang Pao; Gen. Pao says otherwise. Review copy has been circulating among ranks of former Air America Pilots and others involved in Laos; all express dismay, if not disgust, at extent to which book accepts rumor and gossip as unvarnished truth. Others have pointed far too many factual historical errors for book to be accepted as valid piece of historical research. In sum, BACKFIRE is viewed by those in the know as being yet another piece of 1960s 'anti-war'(reads: Pro Hanoi's War) flagellation. No copy available for review. Members having read this book welcome to submit more detailed commentary.

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VIET NAM COMMANDOS Update. Previous issue of SITREP described fate of RVN commando intel teams, inserted into NVN and then abandoned to their fate, with aerial resupply cut off. Many have spent decades in prison following their capture; some now free and wish to come to US. These people were hired, trained, supplied and functioned as US employees, and were not part of RVN military per se. US Dept. Of Justice(?) now chooses to ignore historical evidence, claiming said individuals are owed nothing by US govt., and are not special cases for emigration. Attorney John Mattes is handling their case, and seeks contact with anyone involved in training VN personnel in Saigon and at Long Thanh camp, circa early 1960s, needing this information to refute Dept. of Justice(?) claims to the contrary. Mr. Mattes reports DoJ is digging its heels in the ground, in adherence to what is obviously a policy decision to stall things out. If anyone trained these people, or knows of anyone who did, please contact Mr. Mattes immediately: 305 374-5590(FAX 305 358-8565). As applies to situation with Boat People, this issue has become one of politics of convenience, and had it not been for intervention of Sen. John McCain, and US Ambassador to Thailand, USAID VN Vet David Lambertson, the entire matter would have been smothered in bureaucratic denial and paperwork. To repeat, these people were US govt. employees, operating at behest and discretion of US Govt., while also serving their native land. When captured, US officials told families their fathers and husbands had been KIA, cutting off munificent pay of \$2,000.00/year. They are, if fairness is to be accepted, entitled to back pay, and preferential treatment for emigration to US. Dept. of Justice(?) has chosen to see things otherwise, and could well be entangled in policy web dedicated to 'putting the past behind', and selling Fords and Pepsi in VN. Word has been sent out to SF Assn., Special Ops Association, NCO Association, and other groups whose members may have been directly involved with commando training. Even if readers/members have no experience in this area, please check around for others who have, and write your elected officials on behalf of the commandos. Politics aside, it comes down to

COMMANDOS(cont.) one simple question: 'Are you going to keep your word, or otherwise known as that disreputable form of life which does not?', i.e. a liar. The Commandos were left hanging once before; that is one time too many. Do something.



Left to right: QLVNCH Arty School, 55th Ordnance Bn, QLVNCH NCO Academy. All taken from 1991 issue of Gary Murtha's RVN insignia catalog, dealing only with authentic patches: Gary D. Murtha; 8813 McElroy; Kansas City, Missouri; 64134. Courtesy dictates catalog request should include \$2.00/thereabouts for printing/ mailing costs. Not known if address still current, or if Mr. Murtha is still in insignia business.

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WO2 J.H. Andrews
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Maj. P.J. Badcoe
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The AATTVN suffered thirty three KIA in VN(some members already on Members in Memoriam Roster), and 122 MIA.

MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM(Cont.)

USA Special Forces

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Nguyễn Tăng

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'Under a wide and starry sky,
Dig my grave and let me lie,
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you grieve for me:
Here he lies where he longed to be.
Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.'

-Robert Lewis Stevenson

Thanks to Larry Howes for sending in this suggestion for the inscription on our own Moving Wall. To remind the membership: we have an expandable moving wall upon which can be, and are being, placed brass plates with the name of each Member in Memoriam. Our Wall is in search of an appropriate inscription, and additional suggestions are welcome. We'll compile a list, and submit same to membership for selection.

Our Condolences to former member Tom Harvey and the Felton family upon the death of Deborah Felton Harvey. Private services have been held in Radford, Virginia.

Thanks also to member Sam Jopling for submitting names of AATTVN Members in Memoriam, as well as names listed in previous SITREP.

Would the member requesting information on Member in Memoriam Phillip Robinson please contact Bill Laurie (1462 W. University, Mesa Arizona; 85201). We have the first three pages of your letter, and that is all. No name, phone number, etc. Please contact.

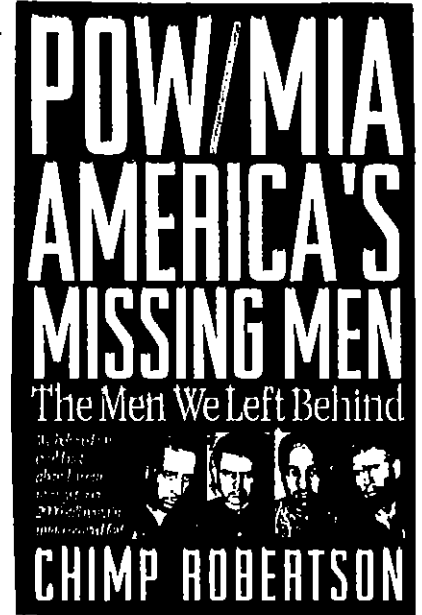
Please note last page of this SITREP is Member in Memoriam information form, used by Mike McMunn to compile the fullest possible description of our Members in Memoriam. Objective is to go beyond a simple list of names, and assemble as much meaningful compilation, in which these people are described by friends and family members, represented in photographs, and remembered for who they were, what they did, and why they are remembered. Mike is continually updating the roster, and continually adding to Member in Memoriam profiles. If you have submitted a name or have any information to provide, please take the time to send any additional information. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



POW/MIA Remains of 18 US servicemen were returned to US in mid-Sept. Seven of the 18 were crewmembers of an AC-130A shot down over Laos. Further south, possible remains of US servicemen KIA during the Mayaguez battle were discovered just offshore of Koh Tang Island. No update available. 18 were killed in attempt to recapture the Mayaguez; 30 were captured, and were soon released unharmed.After a year-long review, Pentagon issues statement that 567 of 2170 unresolved cases are 'hopeless', examples being those lost at sea. Dolores Alford, head of National Alliance of Families, expressed outrage, while Ann Mills Griffiths, of National League of Families said report findings would not surprise most of the affected families. List of names being dropped is not to be made public.

Garnett 'Bill' Bell and George J. Veith have written a draft paper POW's and Politics: How Much Does Hà-nội Really Know?. Bell is familiar to many as former POW/MIA Resolution Officer in Hà-nội, and advocate of belief that POWs were left behind. Paper neither received nor reviewed by COUNTERPARTS/THONÁ. Cost unk. Contact Veith at 6613 Drexelbrook Dr.; Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania; 19026. SDT/phone: 1-800-523-1850, ext. 1338. Member review welcome.

New book, POW/MIA AMERICA'S MISSING MEN by Chimp Robertson, addresses questions of whether POWs were left behind, whether US Govt. could have done more, and what else can be done to discover the truth. Sources interviewed: Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Oliver North, Dick Cheney, Capt. Craig Berryman, Sen. John Kerry, and VFW/American Legion officials. Book endorsed by William C. Anderson, author of BAT-21. No review copy received; member comment/review welcome/solicited. Available from author (signed copy), \$23.00 pp.: Chimp Robertson; 278 Redbud Lane; Tahlequah, Oklahoma; 74464. Your local bookstore may be able to get copy (\$19.95 cover price) from National Book Distributor at 1-800-462-6420. Author is driving force behind annual Veterans Appreciation Banquet held in Oklahoma.



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LOCATOR Col./Đại tá Hà Mai Việt seeks any Cố Vấn who served with him at any of these positions he held: G-3, Armor Command; Dep Cmdr, 1st Armor Bde; Prov Chief, Quảng Trị Prov. Col. Việt at 10210 Kent Towne Ln.; Sugarland, Texas; 77478-1607. SDT/phone: 713 242-7594.

Former Airborne Trung úy/1st Lt Lê Công Thành looking for a Cố Vấn remembered only as Capt. Bill, who wore a 101st patch when serving with Thanh, in 1972, w/9th Bn (9th Co) Airborne Div/Sứ Đoàn Nhảy Dù. We're working on getting more info on location/recollection of last name, while forwarding request to 101st Assn.

Chau Khuc, BĐQ and former TD/Bn 303 CO, Long An, seeks Capt. Thomas J. Diggs, Lt. McVogel, and Maj. Tom E. Blenda (as spelled).

Nguyễn Minh, former CoS, Vũng Tàu Junior Military Academy, seeks Maj. Robernet (USA) and Maj. Hunshmann (USAF).

Nguyễn Văn Chan looking for a Major Guilt (as spelled), former Phoenix Cố Vấn, Vĩnh Long Prov.

Ed Thompson looking for anyone who served w/2nd Civil Affairs Co., IIFV, Biên Hòa, 1969-1970.

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Inaugurating new feature: the Commander's Corner, starting with commo from acting CO, Ed Abraham.... " Fellow members, as acting CO I plan to do all I can to get our association running efficiently, able to meet the demands of growing membership and greater scope of future activities. For the first time we have an adequately staffed HQ, and my personal thanks go out to all who have volunteered to fill new positions. We now have our reunion planned for 3-5 July, 1996, and Joe West and Hugh Mulvaney are working hard to put together a memorable occasion. Full reunion info in next SITREP, out late January. To repeat, reunion will be held in Santa Ana, California, just across the street from John Wayne airport; no need for rental cars. A full and ambitious program is in the works. Your presence warmly welcomed. Now, we need some help from the membership. In part because of inadequate notification, members are confused as to when dues are payable. Problem fixed, w/help of new fund raising officer Jack Simmons, who has secured special envelops, going out in next SITREP for your annual dues. Remember, prompt payment of dues enables us to press on with our Locator work and assistance programs. Secondly...please vote, by proxy ballot if you cannot attend a reunion. It's been difficult to assemble a quorum, and your vote is needed to help us function proficiently. Henceforth, we will have ample planning time for upcoming reunions, and timely publication of our SITREP. I'm a newby with COUNTERPARTS/TUONG HUJ DONG NAM A, but together, with member participation, we can go places with our association, as we've already done in its brief lifespan. Your comments, thoughts and suggestions are needed. 'Til next time.

-Ed Abraham
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Info superhighway exits for retirees

As more and more of our readers enter the information superhighway, the need for addresses to obtain information grows. Here are a few addresses of particular interest to Army retirees.

<u>INFORMATION ABOUT</u>	<u>WWW ADDRESS</u>
Social Security	http://www.ssa.gov
Library of Congress	http://www.loc.gov
Department of Veterans Affairs	http://www.va.gov
Government Printing Office	http://www.access.gpo.gov
US Postal Service	http://www.usps.gov
IRS	http://www.ustreas.gov/treasury/bureaus/irs/irs.html
Weather Forecasts	http://nws.noaa.gov
The White House	http://www.whitehouse.gov
US House of Representatives	http://www.house.gov
Congressional Legislation	http://thomas.loc.gov
US Air Force	http://www.dtic.dla.mil/airforcelink
US Navy	http://www.nets.navy.mil
Department of Defense	http://www.dtic.dla.mil/defense/defenselink
US Army	http://www.army.mil/
Retiree Information	http://www.army.mil/retire-p/retire.htm
TRICARE	http://www.halcyon.com/rsmith/tricare/index.htm

hoping all enjoy a very merry Holiday season, and that all goes well, for all, in 1996.
Van sự như ý.

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Note cyberspace info to left, sent in by Ben Myers. Also note replica patches for sale by member Paul Brubaker. Good quality. Also, member Luis Vargas sent in 50 pp. his story of '69-'70 U-Minh Forest campaign, conducted by QLVNCH 21st Div. \$5.00 to Ben Myers gets you a copy, postpaid. Thx to Luis for sending this in. Ben's address on SITREP masthead. Here's

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August 1995

A Message from the Members-in-Memorial Archivist

The Counterparts/THĐNÁ Members-in-Memorial Roster currently holds the names of more than 600 Counterparts. We request your help in adding names of former advisors and counterparts to this Roster. For new names or for those currently listed, we ask for unit assignments, personal remembrances, and possibly references to books or magazine articles about this person, if they are available.

Here at the Reunion a ring binder containing the latest roster and data sheets for those Members-in-Memorial whose names are on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is available for your review. If you can provide additional information or correct wrong information on any individual, whose sheet is in the binder, please feel free to do so by writing the information on the sheet. If you care to submit a new name please fill out the slip below and leave it in the pocket of the binder.

We thank the many members who, over the years, have submitted names and personal remembrances and we encourage others to become involved in this project.

Thank you.

Mike McMunn

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