

Ripcord Report !

For friends and survivors of the
Battle of Fire Support Base Ripcord,
RVN, March 12-July 23, 1970.

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Presidio gets Nolan's book, *Ripcord: Screaming Eagles Under Siege, Vietnam 1970*, to bookstores in mid-July.

Pittsburgh Steeler great and veteran Vietnam Infantryman Rocky Bleier to attend Ripcord Reunion 2000.

RIPCORD

SCREAMING EAGLES UNDER SIEGE, VIETNAM 1970



Presidio Press sent Nolan's book on the Battle of FSB Ripcord to bookstores in mid-July. Both Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com have been advertising it on their World Wide Web sites. List price is \$29.95. B&N and Amazon started offering the book at 30 percent savings, but savings now are only 20 percent. For even bigger savings, order the book from the Ripcord Association for a flat \$25 which includes shipping and handling. Send payment and shipping details to Fred Spaulding, 7702 White Dove Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46256-1750. Proceeds from all sales go to benefit the association.

No better way to spend a long weekend ...

Ripcord Reunion 2000 ... arrive early on Wednesday, October 11 and stay late to depart on Monday, October 16. A reunion packet with registration form, hotel reservation information, map and other details has been mailed to all members. If you didn't get one, call or write Fred Spaulding, 7702 White Dove Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46256-1750; phone: 317-849-3969.

Pro football and Ripcord

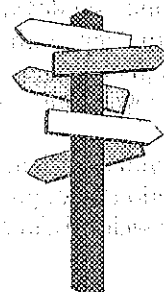
We honor the memory of Bob Kalsu, a Buffalo Bills player who donned his artillery lieutenant's uniform and went off to war in 1970. Bills' teammates, past and present, also honor the memory of the only professional athlete to die in Vietnam. Bob Kalsu was killed on FSB Ripcord on July 21, 1970. Members of Bob's family plan to attend the Ripcord Reunion.

Also attending the reunion will be the other professional football player who served in Vietnam, Rocky Bleier of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Rocky was a grunt with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade where he was wounded and medically retired from service. Although his schedule will only permit him to join us on Friday of the reunion, he is making a point to be there.

Early surge in reunion registrations

Although the deadline for reunion registration and hotel reservations is September 15, there have been more than 40 reservations made for veterans and their families and friends to attend Reunion 2000. Get your forms filled out and sent in early ... don't miss this once in a millennium event!

All roads lead to Shreveport.



LZ Kent Island

STEVENSVILLE, Md.—Greetings from the Eastern Shore. Yep, folks, we've moved AGAIN! Old rule: don't stay on one LZ too long ... but I think we may be here for a time. New address is Chuck Hawkins, 1407 Love Point Rd., Stevensville, MD 21666-2041. Phone: 410-643-8807. E-mail: HERO_Library@msn.com. Keep those cards and letters coming.

Thirty years and counting ...

Who's counting? Seems like yesterday most days. Other times it seems like just a bad dream. (Fewer of those these days.)

So what's the big deal about the 30th anniversary of the Battle of FSB Ripcord? The beer tastes just as good, the girls are just as sweet, and I'm still trying to figure out what's over the next rise. 'Cept for 30 extra pounds and gray, there ain't much different.

Well, 30 years is a big deal actually. Especially for most of us who figured then we might not live past the next resupply chopper. Thirty years and Keith Nolan's book on the battle has been published. That's a major thing. Thirty-year anniversary reunion is coming up in October, and that's going to be a humdinger! Let me tell you, Jim Campbell and Fred Spaulding have been working their heinles off getting ready for it. Y'all come, now, hear?

Been getting a lot of e-mail about the reunion too. There seems to be a ground swell of interest this time around. We only had about 60 folks in Savannah last year (good turnout actually), but I'm betting we'll top 150 in Shreveport. Any takers?

Had lunch with Sid Berry (acting CG during Ripcord) in D.C. in early July. John Fox, Sid's C&C ship pilot during Ripcord, organized the event and invited a small group, including former aides-de-camp Cully Warren (C/2-506) and Bob Taylor (A/2-506). John Chaffin (B/2-501) and his bride were there along with Ken Sager (1st Cav.), an old friend of John Fox.

Heard from John Mihalko (Recon/2-506). He hasn't missed a reunion yet and plans to get to Shreveport on Wednesday to start this one. Have also been on the horn with Chris Garrett (B/2-506) who is staying active planning Bravo Company get togethers.

Got a call from Gabe Rollison (D/2-506). Gabe's hunkered down in Alaska where I grew up. Can't tear him away from the Great Land. He can't make the reunion, but wouldn't mind hearing from old buds and fellow boonie rats—907-696-3255.

If you're still on the fence about the reunion, give it some serious thought—and, see you in Shreveport. —Chuck Hawkins, editor.

Book review: *Ripcord*

Heroism was commonplace

I've read most of Keith William Nolan's books, provided source information on two of them, and was a participant in the Battle of Fire Support Base Ripcord. This obvious bias aside, *Ripcord: Screaming Eagles Under Siege, Vietnam 1970* is Nolan's best and most comprehensive Vietnam battle history.

Nolan is a master at telling the soldier's part in the 23-day siege of this remote rain forest mountain redoubt near the A Shau Valley. But it's not just a story about the hardship and heroism of combat soldiers. He unravels and clearly presents the challenges (and frustrations) of command from the division level down to leadership at the squad and platoon level.

The Battle of FSB Ripcord was a complex and deadly affair. One of two book-end battles of the Vietnam War—the other was the airmobile action by the 1st Cavalry Division at Ia Drang Valley in 1965—Ripcord pitted airmobile troopers of the 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division against North Vietnamese regulars that had surrounded the fire base in division strength. Nolan pulls no punches in describing the action.

Quoting 1st Lt. Fred Edwards of the 326th Engineer Battalion, Nolan writes: "I was returning to Ripcord when I realized that the firebase was no longer an earthy brown, but almost black. Mortar rounds had exploded on virtually every square foot of the hill, charring it into a gray-black heap. It looked evil, malevolent. When the helicopter landed, it was like being dropped into an absolute hellhole."

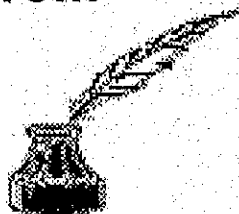
Ripcord was more costly than the division action at Dong Ap Bia (Hamburger Hill) the year prior. Because the Screaming Eagle withdrawal from the base succeeded magnificently and did not turn into a rout, the action went largely unreported at the time. Thus, many participants in the battle had little idea of the depth or scope of the overall combat in which they were so intimately involved. Nolan's book does a great service to all these men by clarifying what went on and the contributions they made individually and collectively to the division's efforts.

Like most American military historians Nolan is more qualitative than quantitative, more gut-level than analytical in his recounting of events. Analytical comparisons can help with perspective. At the start of the siege the average bomb tonnage from air strikes against enemy positions was less than 5 tons per day; but on the last three days the bomb tonnage climbed from 104 tons to 154 tons. Eighty-four fighter-bomber sorties engaged the enemy in a 12-hour period on the final day. In the midst of this cauldron of fire soldiers from both sides fought, died and struggled for their very survival. Few came away unscathed.

This book is a must for any serious student of the Vietnam War, and will be a worthy addition to the bookshelves of military history buffs everywhere. —Chuck Hawkins, editor.

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INCOMING ... mail call from around the world



Good Scotch

Thanks for coming to the "extended" luncheon! And allowing me to have so much fun.

As a Texan I say what I mean and mean what I say! Except, maybe, when I drink cheap Scotch—then what I say is not necessarily what I said. My motto is: Always drink good Scotch. Fewer drinks and more truth is the result.

John Fox (158th Avn.)
Atlanta, Texas

A difficult moment

Our company was on FSB Ripcord just before the siege. We were relieved by D/2-506 and were taken over to FSB Kathryn, I think, and could hear the battle at Ripcord. Our CO, Capt. Mark "Zippo" Smith was a good friend of Don Workman. I remember the battalion formation shortly after, there was nobody left in Delta Co. It was a very difficult moment.

Mark "Buckwhite" Hendrickson (C/1-506)
Hanford, Calif.

Note: Visit Buckwhite's excellent Web site at:
<http://members.tripod.com/buckwhite-mh/index.htm>

Northern search

I am looking for my uncle, who was a Canadian who served in 'Nam in and around 1969 to 1971. He was, to the best of my recollection, in the 506th Infantry. I know he was wounded in 1970 and spent time in Okinawa. His name is Robert Stack and I have not seen or heard from him since 1984. I know he discharged from Fort Bragg as an E6 in 1984. If he is on your reunion list can you please help me find him? I think the time he spent overseas never left him and life back home was never the same. His sister, my mother, passed away in 1995 and I don't think he even knows. If you can be of any help I would be very grateful.

I have just read a book called *There It Is*, by another Canuck who was in the 506th in Vietnam. Sounded pretty grim. His name is Les D. Brown.

Michael Anger
Cloverdale, British Columbia, Canada

Note: Does anyone know Robert Stack? If so, Michael's e-mail is: repulse85@hotmail.com. He is not on the *Ripcord Report* mailing list.

From cook to door gunner

My name is Walter Fuller. I was on Ripcord for about the final three-plus weeks. Will type the *Reader's Digest* version here and go into more detail at your request.

I had been assigned to the HHC/2-506 as a 94B20 (cook) upon arriving in Vietnam in early June 1970. I immediately requested to be a door gunner to a First Sgt. Smedley, who immediately took offense and placed me with the infantry in the field. A captain in charge of troops (the CO I think) sent me to Ripcord where I was put in with a mortar team. I only remember by name a Sgt. Bill Whalen (or Walen) as the team leader. With them I remained for about three-plus weeks until the evacuation. Never saw them again, but heard from Bill for a couple of years and then nothing more. Do you have any idea where I might contact him? If so, please forward it to me. Thanks in advance.

I would like to get any information that you may have on the upcoming 2000 reunion in Louisiana. I would very much like to attend, if at all possible.

Very shortly after Ripcord I got my wish to be a door gunner and was assigned to B Co., 158th Lancers. As fate would have it, they were some of the ones who rescued us from Ripcord.

Somehow I was remembering the date to be July 24. Maybe because of newspaper articles my folks sent that I have saved all these years. Take care and God bless,

Walter L. Fuller (2/506 and B/158th)
Wickenburg, Ariz.

Commo check

Hello ... my name is Walter Lyssy, living in San Antonio, Texas (e-mail: wlyssy@satx.rr.com).

I did not know that there was an association or a reunion associated with 2/506 or FSB Ripcord. Please send me info. Actually, I was not at Ripcord. I joined the battalion on July 23, 1970. I was new in country and attending SERTs at Camp Evans the week prior. On the last day of SERTs we saw a large column of smoke to the west, in the mountains. That is when I received my assignment and found out what the smoke was all about. As I joined there was a lot of confusion, understandable, followed by the memorial service the next morning.

I was the communications officer from July 70 to April 71 for 2/506, followed by the last three months as 1st Brigade communications officer to complete the tour.

I was very happy to find this site on the Internet and would like more info. Thanks.

Walt Lyssy (2/506)
San Antonio, Texas

INCOMING cont....

Information, please!

I would like information on the Ripcord Reunion. My name is Daniel Biggs. I was with 2/506th Infantry, Bravo Co. I was one of the last 18 off Ripcord and was one that *Stars and Stripes* quoted in their paper about helicopter pilots for Tom Marshall's book *The Price of Exit*.

Sincerely,

Dan Biggs (B/2-506)

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

My name is William Edmister. I would like to be put on the mailing list for *Ripcord Report*. My Vietnam tour was April 1969 to March 1970 with A/2-506th Infantry.

Thank you,

Bill Edmister (A/2-506)

Beaver Dams, N.Y.

Please forward any information of Ripcord Reunion 2000 to me. Thanks.

Bob Lamb

Amherst, N.Y.

Please sign me up for the Ripcord Association.

Thanks!

Ed Morris

Amarillo, Texas

Act 1; Scene 2

I am a playwright living in suburban Chicago and am writing a play set in the mid-1960s.

One of the characters is a 25-year old woman who lives in a small town and whose brother is fighting in Vietnam. I need to know what type of activities she would be involved in during this time to show her support for the war effort. Also, besides working with her church, is there any group she could have been associated with in this fictional small town?

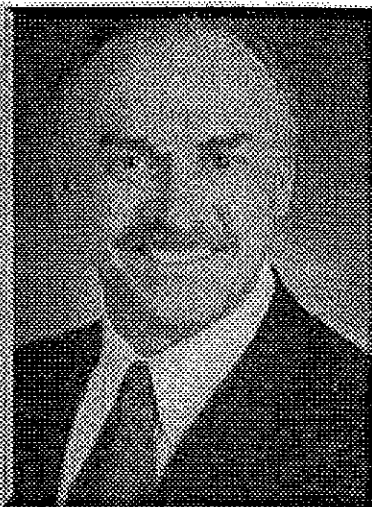
If these questions are not appropriate from your group, please refer me to someone who can help me.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

David Alex

Hoffman Estates, Ill.



To Jim Campbell, reunion coordinator

I received your letter of July 1. I have no problem with anything you would like me to do. I'll do the press conference and say a few words at dinner in case Col. Jones doesn't make it. My preferred beverage is Grey Goose on the rocks. Thanks for asking. I'll have a bio sent to you under separate coverage. If there is anything else I can do just let me know.

Rocky Bleier

After 30 years

Just made contact, this week with Squad Leader who was wounded same time as me. It's been 30 years since I last saw him on that trail in Nam. He was totally unaware of what all happened after we were wounded in June 70 so I filled him in a little and told him about Nolan's book.

Also trying to get him to come to reunion in October. Was just cruising around the Internet when I found a lady in Arizona that works for a TV station. Her bio said she had attended U of North Dakota (where he was from). Emailed her and it turned out my squad leader is her brother. She hooked me up with an address and phone number. His name is Duane Bommersbach. He didn't have any pictures from Nam and I had a couple of him that I took. Got my hands on a flatbed and have since sent him pictures via email.

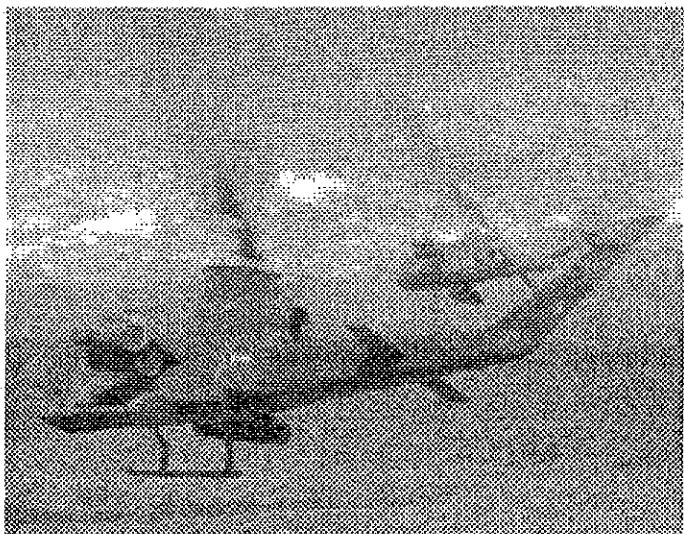
Another interesting thing is that when I started taking photos out of an album to scan, I found I had written the names of the people on some of the pictures. Names that I couldn't remember after 30 years.

Anyway here are a couple. These were taken at Evans about the 1st or 2nd week of June 70.

Mike Womack (C/2-506)

Forsyth, Mo.

On patrol over hostile territory



4/77th ARA Cobras in action. From the 4/77th ARA Web site: <http://www.ameritech.net/users/brianzz/pictures.htm>

Aerial rocket artillery units saw heavy action around FSB Ripcord in July 1970, particularly C Btry. (Griffins), which was stationed at Camp Evans.

During the day of the withdrawal on July 23, pilots of Cobra gunships would sometimes get between the enemy in their firing positions around Ripcord and the lift ships that were going in on the extraction. By doing so they hoped to draw fire away from the slicks and their valuable cargo of troops leaving the beleaguered base. Took a pair of brass you-know-what to fly like that.

BOOK REVIEW

By Ben Harrison

STOLEN VALOR

By B. G. Burkett and Glenna Whitley

This remarkable in-depth research is presented quite well. No one likes war and this is especially true for the Vietnam War. A line was drawn and a stand taken that communism would not move south from North Vietnam into the Republic of Vietnam, and likely on into Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. A noble cause and at the time, certainly the right thing to do. The national leadership failed to develop a winning strategy and failed even worse in communicating with the American people. This happened at a time when our liberal education philosophy encouraged challenging authority and exploded on college campuses when draft deferment ended for college students in December 1967. Thus the expanding anti-war movement was growing rapidly just before the battles of Tet '68. Although the enemy suffered truly huge losses during Tet, the media played

to the anti-war movement and terribly distorted the facts. Gen. Westmoreland exacerbated the situation by a gross political error requesting more troops to finish off the Viet Cong. The media interpreted this to show that we were losing.

B. G. Burkett took on a volunteer job to raise funds for a Texas Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. He kept running into terribly negative views of Vietnam veterans as generally unworthy of a memorial. Like, "Why would you want to honor a bunch of losers, bums and social degenerates?" Using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Burkett started requesting the official military record of accused criminals who claimed their Vietnam War experiences "made them do it." He has exposed hundreds of phonies, liars and wannabees. He found that if the veteran claimed a lot of decorations for bravery in combat, was in an elite unit such as the Seals or Special Forces and performed "secret" missions, he quite likely was a phony. Burkett proved that the six "starts" of Dan Rather's CBS "The Wall Within" were phonies with totally untrue or grossly exaggerated, distorted stories. He specifically debunks over 30 books, movies, TV programs and major news stories.

The authors make a strong case that Agent Orange exposure in Vietnam has not led to disease and death. Twenty years of studies at a cost of more than \$400 million came up empty. The most compelling evidence is the study of 1,174 of the 1,206 Air Force pilots and crewmen who served as the "Ranch Hands." As an initiation rite, each new squadron member DRANK a cup of Agent Orange. The old Ranch Hands drank along with them, keeping track of the total intake. Some drank as much as a gallon. When their low flying aircraft took hits, some crewmembers became drenched in Agent Orange. They had from 10 to 150 times the dioxin exposure of the average American. After 15 years and four examinations, the health of the Ranch Hands is generally the same as the control group except that they have slightly more deaths and diabetes attributed to alcohol abuse—not Agent Orange.

Over 250 pages of the book are devoted to Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Strong evidence is presented that there is pervasive fraud in claims for PTSD. Veterans Administration bureaucrats have gained enormous increase in staff and budget for PTSD. Entrepreneurs and hustlers have made big bucks coaching and "educating" veterans not to "recognize" (or create) PTSD symptoms. Unfortunately, Burkett's and Whitley's brush may be too broad here. The reader might come away thinking there is no legitimate PTSD. Among all those conveniently labeled with PTSD, there are a few genuine cases of emotionally disabled veterans who can not function normally because of their war experiences. These should not be disparaged and lumped with the phonies. They deserve care and concern.

A great book. Easily a five-star rating!

EXTRACTS from *Stolen Valor*

(see next page)

Comparing the "good" World War II to the "bad" Vietnam War

The anti-war movement stated that soldiers who deserted in Vietnam were "proof" that the war was immoral. In WWII the overall desertion rate was 55 percent higher than during the Vietnam war; several thousand American GIs went over and fought with the German army.

Many units threw down their arms and surrendered without firing a shot at the Battle of the Bulge. The 101st Airborne Division was trapped at Bastogne partly because many on their flanks quit fighting.

In WWII, 20,000 troops were convicted of desertion in the war zone. In Vietnam, only 2,500 were listed as deserted (number of convictions not provided).

The GI in Vietnam was in the combat zone an average of three months longer than the GI in WWII.

Agent Orange

The herbicide Orange was a 50/50 mixture of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. Dioxin was a by-product of the manufacturing process. It "de-leafed" trees. Most trees were not killed and all re-growth occurred rapidly, sometimes in only six weeks.

The spray was calibrated at a rate of three gallons per acre. This is the equivalent of 0.0009 of an ounce of liquid per square foot (on a flat surface). This is certainly not enough to saturate the ground or drench a person's clothing. On dense jungle foliage, less than 6 percent reached the ground. Agent Orange used in Vietnam contained a scant 0.0003 of 1 percent dioxin. This degrades in sunlight in 48 to 72 hours. Troops' exposure to dioxin was infinitesimal.

War stories and other lies

Below are listed some of the books, articles, movies and TV specials that Burkett and Whitley have debunked as being based on lies, gross distortions or pure bullshit.

Saved by the Light, by Dannion Brinkley

At Peace in the Light, by Dannion Brinkley

Self Destruction: The Disintegration and Decay of the U.S. Army, by "Cincinnatus," actually a National Guard chaplain who had never served in Vietnam.

'Nam, by Mark Baker

Red Thunder, Tropic Lightning, by Eric Bergerud

Everything We Had, by Al Santoli

Saigon to Jerusalem, by Eric Lee

Born on the Fourth of July, movie directed by Oliver Stone

Maverick: The Personal War of a Vietnam Cobra Pilot, by Dennis J. Marvicsin

Before the Dawn, by Mickey Block

Swimmers Among the Trees, by Joel Hutchins

Covert Warrior: Fighting the CIA's Secret War in Southeast Asia and China, 1965-67, by Warner Smith

Mekong! The Authentic Novel of Naval Special Forces in Vietnam, by James C. Taylor

North SAR, by Jerry Carroll with introduction by Tom Clancy

Ghostrider One, by Jerry Carroll with introduction by Tom Clancy

No Place to Hide, by Jerry Carroll with introduction by Tom Clancy

One Tough Marine, by Maj. Bruce H. Norton

Vietnam: The Other Side of Glory, by William R. Kimball

"Irregulars" segment of BBC-TV *Soldiers: A History of Men in Battle*, by and about John Gallagher as "Bush Doctor" and again in the Time-Life book, *The New Face of War*

Strange Ground: An Oral History of Americans in Vietnam, 1945-1975, featuring Yoshica K. Chee and again in BBC-TV "CIA: Phoenix Rising"

Bloodsport, a movie starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and *The Secret Man: An American Warrior's Uncensored Story*, supposedly based on the life of Frank Dux

Soldier, by Anthony Herbert

Slow Dance on the Killing Ground, by Lenox Cramer

The Phoenix Program: A Shattering Account of the Most Ambitious and Closely Guarded Operation of the Vietnam War, by Doug Valentine

The Hotel Tacloban, by Doug Valentine

BOHICA, by Scott Barnes (acronym for bend over, here it comes again)

Murder Machine: A True Story of Murder, Madness and the Mafia, by Gene Mustain and Jerry Capecci, about the claimed exploits of Dominick Montiglio

The Wall Within, CBS TV special by Dan Rather

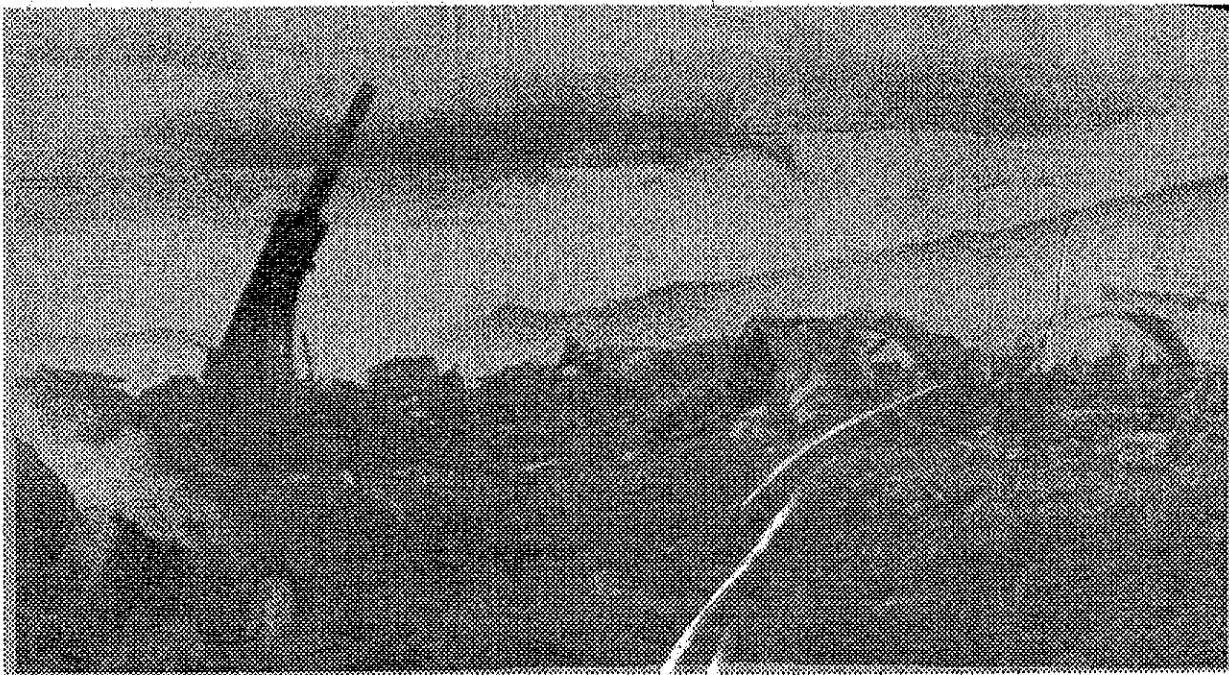


Photo of FSB Ripcord taken the day of the withdrawal and which appeared in *Stars and Stripes* on January 15, 1971. Courtesy of Chuck Kerr, a former member of C/1-506 who now lives in Thurmont, Maryland. Thanks Chuck.

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30-Year Anniversary

Ripcord Report
Chuck Hawkins, editor

Excerpts from *Ripcord*

We told division from the beginning that if we went into that damn firebase without sufficient forces, they were going to attack.—Maj. Robert A. "Tex" Turner, S3 Operations Officer, 3^d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division

Those sappers were good. They were inside the perimeter before anyone knew it, and they knew exactly what to hit.—Pfc. Gerald A. Cafferty, C Co., 2^d Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division

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address. My check for \$22.00 | | number ordered = | | is enclosed.

\$ 25.00

The book will be on sale at the reunion and Keith Nolan will be available for book signing.

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