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Hello Mr. L F Daniel.

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. My name is Edwin J. Nozario and I wrote to you once before a long while back. At any rate I hope the association is going fine. L.F. I have been procrastinating about writing to you. I really have been putting the last letter you sent asking information about some rangers ^{on stand by}. Yes I can help you with William J. Murphy. L.F. I am located in Hope Mills, N.C. 10 miles from Ft Bragg. A memorial plaque would be a solid memory. Listen I knew William Murphy very well. We went to Airborne A.I.T and Jump school together then we came down on orders to Vietnam right from jump school. At any rate We went home together with a reporting date to Vietnam flight together. During his leave he came and stayed about 3 or 4 days with me at my mothers house where I live in Paterson N.J.

Murphy was quite a person. In A.I.T. he would walk with a smooth step and when he would introduce himself as "Willie from South. Phillie. We trained together and shared personal time together. L.F. also there was a black man named James McDougald who also came to the Rangers Unit with us. We were a tight trio and we were all on the same orders from Jump School to Viet-nam. If you have orders from Wm Murphy I should be on his orders along with ranger James McDougald. Willie was caucasian dirty blond hair and he was about 5' 11". Five feet 11 inches or 6 ft. Thin fellow.

William Murphy was on a different team than I was. I do not remember his team. I was with David Dolby [Congressional Medal of Honor] One day my team leader Dolby could not go on a mission and I ~~wound~~ ended up with a different team just for that mission. During this very same time I was injured. The Choppers came in and I was medivacked to the hospital. I went from Buñon to Cameron bay convalescent center. During my stay at the hospital was when Willie was killed.

The story I got when I came back was that Willie Murphy's team made contact and Willie was the point man. When Charlie came out, Willie drilled him. There were a few other gooks. One got away and hid in the bushes, when Willie went to confirm the body count, Charlie jumped up from the bushes and as Willie bended over to ck the one he killed, Charlie opened up on him and he took about 5 or 6 bullets in the abdomen area.

Lt Z. As I write to you of these actions I get all choked up, so please bear with me. I had been working with the prison system for about 12 yrs. then on Oct 28. 1995 during the shooting here at Ft Bragg of a light Col. and other troops while at a PT formation. Well any way on this specific day I was on a gun tower with plenty of ammo and firepower. Well I kinda had a flash of blowing my claymores and as the flash of the explosion I heard Charlie screaming. I became very upset, I broke down and armed all my weapons because till the day I die I could swear that Charlie was trying to come into the compound thru the barb wire. I was able to make a phone call to my supervisor and he came out

right away to my tower. When my Lt. saw how I looked. I was immediately relieved and hurried to the VA hospital here in Fayetteville. This was a week end. I went to the hospital and immediately I was dressed up and put into a Psycho ward under lock + ~~key~~ Key. There really was no real help, which I learned. At the present my job does not want me back and they submitted the paper work to medically retire me. Also the VA immediately put the paper work for my full retirement. I have not heard yet from the VA, but I can wait. The state already approved short term disability so that I can receive some money to help with my backed up bills. All I do is stay home all day, take my medications and wait for the next day.

I did not send you the \$30. — yet but I will. I could not find any orders tying me with ~~the~~ the Rangers. Hell I found a copy of my identification data which shows my assignment and yes it had my assignment with C-75th Rangers.

Also let me tell you when we first came to the rangers was in 1969 or or about may. We arrived at Anke met a board which inaugurated us into the Airborne Rangers. ~~It~~ Also let me say that at the very beginning they were known as L.R.P.S.

Then about a couple of weeks later they decided that we would be known as E Company with 1st field force Within 2 months of being in the unit. The Unit finally received word that we were activated as C-75th Airborne Ranger.. So you see I did experience this bit of history. I remember: rear element was at anke, then the front lines were in Bong Song -

from bong song we would send our teams out on missions, then we worked the Ashow Valley. and we would as teams ~~and~~ worked all thru out central highlands. searching and when we spotted Charlie we would call the support gunships and the shit would hit the fan.

Also I Z there was a guy called Dutch. Him and David Dobby would all the time argue as to who had more meaningful decorations to their name. David Dobby would always prevail because of his medal of honor which he quired as a prior year.

As a young 18 yr old. I was highly impressed by David and I would try to ~~some~~ emulate his action. Meaning I too also started taking pieces of human body because this was like for acceptance from the other Rangers. When I left the Rangers and went to the 173rd. I would also go out with teams especially at night.

When ever I could I would dismantle Charlie after the kill. Well I. Z. I will leave you for now, should you find that I can help with any information please let me know. Oh. you know what I remember us getting a new commander he was a black (light skin) man. don't quote me I still keep coming up with the name Jenning. I think this was the new commanders name. Yes I could be wrong. Well I - Z till the next letter.

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