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How are you? I received The Sitrep dated 26 April 1996, and after careful review it seems you guys had a good time; sorry I missed it but its been balls to the wall with me trying to help out the little woman in her recovery, she's back to work now slicing & dicing on the little critters at the vet hospital and I'm in the process of trying to retire (it's harder getting out than getting in) and I'm attending full time EMT/Paramedic school during my last 6 months of active duty- what a deal!

However, it's just too great a load right now for me to devote much time to any outside interests, therefore I am going to ask to regrettably resign my position as Historian, I just don't have the time to apply myself as I had intended, I'm sure you'll understand. I'll still be in the Ft Bragg area for the next couple of years and can be called upon to answer any questions regarding the history and will attempt to join you guys in future reunions etc, time/money permitting.

Before I close out I'd like to try and explain in laymans terms what you were trying to convey to all those "OLD TIMERS" about the Lineage of the 75th, although E20 LRPS functioned as Rangers in these LRRP/LRP units their parent units already had a lineage, for instance The 20th inf dates back to 1866, and Sykes Regulars was organized in Sep 1955, and Co E 20th inf actually served twice in Vietnam, first as a LRP company with I field force and the 4TH Inf Div and later in Jun 71-Aug 72 as a rifle security company providing convoy security for the 71st Transportation Battalion and installation defense at Long Binh under US Army Support Command, Saigon, and presently it is a battalion in the 2nd Inf Div in Korea right now. This is considered the 20th Inf lineage.

The 2 key words are Lineage and History which were beaten into me by the Historians at the US Army Center for Military History in Washington DC when I was helping the present 75th Ranger Regt update their "history" to include all the LRRP/LRP and Vietnam Ranger advisors in Vietnam, and was preparing the request for the Ranger Tab.

Bottom line is a unit can write its history and include units such as E20 LRP and any other units which served with them or preceded them and these can be sent to the USA Military History Institute an the War College in Carisle Barracks in Pennsylvania and file them for future references; However, as far as lineage goes- they are kept at the US Army Center for Military History and are "Official" lineages. I have a copy of the 75th from there. And the 20th Inf lineage can be obtained thru them or the Institute of Heraldry.

The LRP units provided a base for the 75th infantry (Ranger) companies and are included in the History of the Rangers. That's why Roy Boatman and I asked all the Co Reps to develop a "history" of their companies so we could send a copy to Carisle Barracks and to the 75th Ranger Regt to include in their history because they were lacking the Vietnam era LRP/Ranger activities during Vietnam. I am enclosing some names and numbers of agencies that deal with all of these issues.

In reference to the Ranger tab status as you probably know we originally sent it through the proper Army channels and it was approved by the USASOC and the USSOCOM commanders, however when it got to DA they sent it to the proponent agency which is the commander at Ft Benning GA who in turn sent it to the Ranger

Training Brigade commander, Col Jackman who recommended disapproval. Since that time, there is a new Training Brigade Commander and it has been brought to the attention of high ranking officials who are mostly retired and with the help of them and the persistence of the 75th Ranger Regt Assn the battle continues to be an uphill climb, and presently there is no definite answer yet.

I made a correction on the Reunion ballot- the 1st Ranger Bn is in Hunter Army Airfield next to Ft Stewart GA. The 2nd Ranger Bn is in Ft Lewis WA. The 3rd Ranger Bn and the 75th Ranger Regt HQ is located at Ft Benning GA.

Once again I'm sorry I have to give up the position but I just don't have the time right now to devote myself, hopefully after I get out of the Army and school, things should change. Keep in touch, and give me a call if you need anything.

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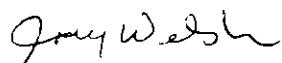
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Most of these people are very helpful! These are all autovohn numbers- it shouldn't be hard to get the civilian prefix.

"SUA SPONTE"

"RANGERS LEAD THE WAY"


Joey Welsh