

Dedicated to

**Ben White and Don Last that were KIA on July 10th 1967
In Gia Dinh Province, South Vietnam**

**Serving with
Bravo Company
3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry
199th Light Infantry Brigade**



Ben White

Don Last

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On July 10th, 1967

Bravo Company sent out numerous ambush patrols that day. At approximately 7:10 PM, ambush patrol 3 walked into an ambush with Don Last and Ben White being killed almost immediately and the remaining men engaged the Vietcong. As this went down, radio transmission got out to the other patrols that patrol 3 had made contact.

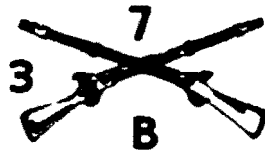
Ambush Patrol 1 became one of the reaction squads and headed towards the location of Ambush Patrol 3.

In the meantime Ambush Patrol 7 advanced towards a tree line after scanning it with a Starlight Scope. The VC opened up on them with a M60 Machine Gun and the firefight commenced.

It was suggested that the VC were not local but from a hard core VC Regional Unit

44 Years Later

Within days of the event, Battalion Headquarters prepared and sent to the Commanding General of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade an After Action Report which attempted to put in writing what occurred that night and any lessons from the events. Forty four years later the events of July 10th were discussed by the guys that were there that night. The discussions were through email and their website that spanned from 2011 to 2013. This report describes what the action looked like through the eyes of the participants and is, at times, very personal. This then is the recollections of those involved together with the After Action Report, Officer Daily Staff Journals, and visuals of what the areas look like today."



Men of the 1st Platoon - Ambush 3



Don Last

Ben White

Bill Paquette

Doug Henley



Bob Figley

Jerry Parris

Jack Hermann

Dave Schisler



Teddy Ojeda

Attached to 1st Platoon



ARVN Ranger SGT Long

Men of the 1st Platoon - Ambush 1



Steven Marcus

Randy DeGeer

Eric Harris

Don Morton



Steve Zimney

Bill (Doc) Sadler

Al Baron

Richard Stammer

Comments from 1st Platoon - Ambush 1 and 3

Dave Schisler Wrote:

It was a very interesting read. I've read three times now. Brought back some vivid memories for me. I've been study the diagram of the ambush. There something that has been in the back of my mind and bothering me for all these years concerning the Arvin Ranger named Long. He and three others were attached to our squad the night of the ambush. In the diagram it indicates that Long left his initial position to possibly pursue a VC. According to the diagram it looks like he encountered one. Sadly, Ranger Long was KIA.

Here's my account of events that night. It was several minutes after the fire-fight had died off and it was starting to get dark. I was looking thru the starlight scope because earlier in the mist of the ambush Jack and I saw some VC's trying to flank us. I was looking thru the starlight I saw a figure approaching in our direction so I pointed my M16, head high in that direction a fired.

With a deep breath, here's what has bothering me for 43 years.

I remember that me and three others in our squad, plus a Ranger was carrying Long's remains on a poncho to the dust off chopper. He suffered a bullet wound above his eyes.

Later that evening several of the remaining Arvin's that were attached to our squad we're suggesting that someone in our squad shot him, and they believed that it was me. This has always left a mark in my mind that I may have possibility caused this mans death. According to the diagram, Ranger Long was tracking left to right, that would put in front of Jack and mine's position. It's plausible that I could have mistaken Ranger Long for a VC when I saw that figure in the Starlight, but then again the VC that Ranger Long was perusing may have shot him. The only other person's that could shed some light on this matter, and put my mind at ease, would be Herman, Ojeda, Paris and Figly. If I not mistaken, I think that Jack is the only one who is currently on the BravoBuddie Boards. If Ojeda, Paris and Figly are on these boards too, your input would be helpful.

So Jack and the rest, if you want to dredge up some possible bad memories about this, please contact me. If you don't, I'll understand and I won't bring it up again.

Thanks guys for letting this forum be my emotional release. I'm sorry for the long post.

Dave

Jack Hermann Wrote:

Dave,

Well it only took 44 years to find you. Bill, Randy and myself have discussed your name many times and had hoped to locate you. I'm not to savvy with the computer and am so glad that you were tracked down. I couldn't agree with you more in your recollection of Lt. Doug Young, he was a great officer.

I'm going to type this as I recall it.

To set your mind at ease in regards to July 10, 1967. I doubt seriously that you fired on the ARVN Sgt. Long. As my blurry memory recalls the incident, as I have many times in the past, we were flanked from two sides and I recalled the machine gun jammed at one point in time. The heaviest volumes of fire came from the front and right flank in the ditch where Sgt. Long was found. I recall you taking a piece of shrapnel to the jaw from an RPG. We bandaged you up while you stayed calm, cool and collective. I recall us moving a couple of times in a short distance, but the volume of fire was so intense they pretty much had us pinned down. I recall Ojeda moving to our left front and he had fired all of his 40 mm grenades. If you recall, we were really getting low on ammo and decided to save some in case we were overrun. I remember the medevac choppers and the relief squad coming in and guys being put on the dust off choppers. We never thought Bill was going to make it with the condition he was in. I have read the after action report and Bill and I have discussed it at length. We don't know who wrote or verified the report. But we believe only about 50 % of it is accurate. I recall us gurney out Sgt. Long body at day break. There are a lot of fuzzy memories from that night. In speaking with Bill he felt as though we saved him from being executed by our grazing machine gun fire hitting some and driving the rest of the VC back into the tree line. Looking forward to hearing from you. You had nothing to feel guilty for, for the past 44 years you were a great solider and the best ass't machine gunner.

Dave Schisler Wrote:

Thanks Jack. It's great to hear from you after all these years. I've been to the Wall in DC several times and each time I would mention to my wife - I wonder what the guys in my old combat unit are doing now? I often wanted to connect to everyone but didn't know how to go about. Thanks to Bill and the rest of the guys it's now a reality.

Thanks for the help putting my mind at ease. I needed to hear some one's else's version of what happened that night. If anyone else new of the details of that night, it would have been you. You don't know how much this weighed on my mind. I think I may sleep easier tonight. Maybe I just imagine it happening that way.

It was a real "kick" being you're AG. You're a great comrade in arms.

Sometime I feel a little embarrassed by the Purple Heart I received.

It pales in comparison to the wounds received by Sgt. White, Don Last, and of course Bill, and lets not forget the Arvin. The shrapnel I took to the jaw was only the size of a BB. It went into my gum and shattered the roots of my tooth. I couldn't have been more lucky. Although I do remember that It did knock me back somewhat. I think most of the force was the concussion. I remember sitting there and blowing air through the tiny hole in my upper check.

I was telling Rich and Randy that I thought Bill didn't make it do to his wounds sustained that night. Needless to say I was glad to hear he made it out ok.

It would be nice to see some current pic's of you. I got a bunch of you that I took while we were there. I'm trying to figure out how we can attach a file of photo's to these boards so guys don't have to keep referring to the emails.

Also Jack, I want to thank you deeply for your recommendation to receive a commendation for the Bronze Star with a V for Valor on it.

I really and truly feel I didn't deserve that.

I received it about two years after I got discharged. I got it and the Purple Heart proudly dispelled on my office wall.

Where to live in these Great United States?

Take Care. It was great to touch base with you. Talk to you again soon.

Dave

Bill Paquette Wrote:

Hey Dave! Still not too sure how I made it out that night but after 14 months at Walter Reed Hospital and a series of operations, I was retired by Uncle Sam's finest! Sgt Loan moved out with Ben, Don, and myself to check out the grove that we were to set up in after it was dark enough to move everyone. Loan was in trail and was just behind me as the ambush was sprung! I am pretty positive that he was still in the ditch and was caught by the VC covering the ditch. Oddly, I think that we all had a bad feeling about traveling to that ambush site. Ben and Don and I did talk about our fear of being hit. As a matter of fact, we all had strong feelings as we

had our patrol meeting. I must say that you guys did a pretty good job in holding the VC off. I'll tell you the killer team story sometime.

Doug...I think that Ben had been promoted back to Sergeant when we were deployed. I'll see if I can check it out.

Dave Schisler Wrote:

14 months!!!!!!14months!!!!!!OMG. I never realized that you got hurt that bad. That must have been the worst time of your life.

If my memory serves me correctly, and maybe Jack can bear this out, but I think prior to us setting out for the ambush it was suggested that the M60 walk the point, or at least a few slots behind it. An argument was made against it. Logic prevailed, being that you don't want all your fire power in the front but rather in the middle or rear. I think Jack and I were bring up the rear that night. We were very lucky.

It seems to me that the squad was snaking past an above ground cemetery, into a small clearing with dense mangroves just ahead of us when the ambush sprung, I'm unsure though. Not that it matters one way or another, I'm just trying to recall events for more clarity.

Regarding Ben, I thought he was a Buck sergeant at that time!

Randy DeGeer Wrote:

Night of that ambush I walked point for Ambush 1 with the new Lt. and was told to go by the book. Stop the squad well before a wood line, search it out then flag squad in. Later that evening all hell broke loose while I was in a wood line and I thought my squad got hit. Once I realized it was the other squad & the Sgt was calling my name, upon reaching the squad, Lt said, " we've lost radio contact with other squad, take us to the action, double time. Once we came on this one wood line we could hear the VC laughing and talking while weapons were being fired. Lt told us all to get on line fire into the air, scream, holler and move forward. As I came thru the wood line Ben White was on the ground (think he was E-5). The VC were gone. We were told to get in a defensive position. As the dust off came in with flood lights on, that's when we noticed Donald Last about 15 ft from the edge of the wood line. As I remember it Dave, you and Jack were toward the left side of the squad. There was a trench that ran down one side with a grave head stone to one side. That's were we found Sgt Long the next morning. He was on his hands and knees with head leaning into head stone. He had been shot in the back of his head and rigor mortise had set in. We all kinda figured he took cover behind head stone but VC came in from his right side and probably behind him. Sadly they wouldn't send out a helicopter or dust-off - He wasn't a US troop. We had to carry him back to base camp.

Bill Paquette Wrote:

Randy...you have a very good memory! From where I was, the VC were chattering away and their leaders seemed to be frantically urging them to didi.. maulen. I can still hear you guys howling and firing your weapons as you came charging to our relief. As that was about to happen, the VC killer team that was going through my gear were arguing with each other over the couple of packs of cigarettes and my Grumman cigarette lighter! They moved out post haste when they heard you rowdy people! Wasn't Richie Stammer with your squad? That medivac crew was not too enthusiastic about coming in to pick us up but finally did. Laying on the deck

of the helicopter with Ben and Don made for a sad trip up to Cu Chi. I remember a couple of rounds hitting the slick as we gained altitude. The medics on board were in a panic! Dave...Do you recall noticing VC trail watchers as we made our way towards the site? We were set up around the burial mounds for quite a while as we waited for dusk to move into the grove in front of us. You were lucky that we did not move forward as a group. Ben, Don, Sgt Loan and I went forward to reconnoiter. I am pretty sure that Sgt Loan was with us. I remember observing him going into the ditch.

Randy DeGeer Wrote:

Bill, Froggy was in my squad, as was Sgt Baron, Morton, Harris, maybe Cook & Phillips (M-60). Could have been a couple other guys and not sure who the Arvin was. New Lt, not sure of his name. Dave mentioned Marcus, ??

The next morning we had to police up wood line for anything VC might have left behind which was nothing - no brass at all. Only thing they left behind were some areas that had the smell of death. They definitely had to use their meat hooks.

Dave Schisler Wrote:

Sorry Bill but I'm having a heck of a time trying to remember the finer details of that night. The only thing I recall with any clarity was when all hell broke loose Jack and I hit the deck and he started laying down fire. I recall that we were in some sort of graveyard and Jack and I were hunkered down in between two mounds of dirt that I think were graves. Every time Jack started to return heavy fire the vc would launch grenade's at our position. This happened several times as I recall. I eventually got wounded by one of them. During the fire fight I noticed that some vc's had attempted to come at us from our right flank. When Jack tried to reposition the M60 in to lay down fire in that direction the bi-pod on the 60 was all tangled in vines and we were struggling to free it. We were able to break free and return fire in that direction. Not long after that, Lt. Marcus and his ambush squad were approaching our position to aid us. The next thing I knew dust-off choppers taking out the Wia's & Kia's. I don't remember to much after that. I think I was dazed and confused at that point.

Bill Paquette Wrote:

Ah! The new LT was Marcus! His name has eluded me for years. I thought that his name was Davis. Doug Young remembered Davis as being from the south so I knew that I had it wrong. Yes, Marcus was from the Mid-Atlantic region. As a matter of fact, his mother and father visited me at Walter Reed one afternoon. They were worried about him, as good parents would be, and I reassured them that he was a fine leader and had great guys around him. I remember him taking notes as he critiqued one of our ambush patrols out at the rice mill. I remember that we heard a metallic click across the canal that we were facing and I give him a warning to get down. An ARVN unit made contact across from us later on. Does anyone remember this event?

Steve Zimney Wrote:

I am not good at associating dates with events. But after getting the casualty listing and reading the names and dates, here is what I remember from what would have been the night of July 10th.

B Company was out in the field and set up in a company perimeter. That night the 1st platoon went out in 3 squads which fanned out going away from base. It was dusk when we left base. Ben White and group with Don Last at point and Paquette as RTO were on the left angling out to the left. Lt. Marcus went with the squad I was in with me, Zimney, as RTO. Doc Sadler was also with our group. We went straight out from base. To the right was a squad with McWilliams and others angling out to the right. (I think McWilliams was the squad leader by that time) Do not remember who the RTO was in that squad.

We were out quite far and it had gotten dark. It was not the pitch black darkness. One could still see silhouettes fairly well in open areas. Then shooting started to our left. The Company Commander radioed us and asked what was going on. I told him it was not us but the squad to our left. He then radioed Ben White's group and could get no answer. He radioed us back and talked with Lt. Marcus giving orders for us to go check it out. We started going over moving fast and Lt. Marcus told me to try raising the group that was under fire. It went like: 44 Alpha, 44 Papa, over; 44 Alpha, 44 Papa, over. Nothing. Lt. Marcus "Keep trying". 44 Alpha, 44 Papa, over; 44 Alpha, 44 Papa, over. Again nothing. I kept trying over and over. Then 44 Papa, 44 Alpha, "We have been hit, hard". 44 Alpha, 44 Papa, "Hang on, we are on the way".

Then Lt. Marcus takes off running full speed with the squad coming behind him. It becomes like a distance race. It breaks into groups. In the lead is Lt. Marcus, myself, another guy that I cannot for sure (try as hard as I can) remember the name of and Doc Sadler. Then Doc Sadler drops back.

We came through a wood line and into an open area, probably a hundred yards out from the engagement. There is another tree line in front of us. The bullets are whizzing around us and one cannot tell if from the enemy or our own guys. In the open area, we drop to our knees, catching our breath. Since our squad had gone straight out from base, we are actually out in front and are coming in from the backside of the attacking force. It was an enemy "L" ambush and had we joined, we would have made it an upside down "T". I tell Lt. Marcus that they do not even know we are here. When the squad catches up, we can get behind them. He thinks a couple of seconds and then tells the two of us to fire a burst into the wood line to our right. We fire a burst into the wood line and immediately all shooting stops. As if someone had turned off a switch.

We then move forward and to our left to a break in the wood line. As we get to it; it is eerily quiet. We shout out to let them know we are Americans. It is still quiet. All that we hear is Doc Sadler catching up from behind. We start shouting out the names of guys in the squad to let them it us. It is like "Hey Ben White, It is Zim". Finally hear Paquette either answer or moan. Lt. Marcus and Doc Sadler go over to him. I move to the front and the other guy moves to the back. I find Don Last's body. I report to Marcus. He asks if I checked him out. I respond that I

did not move him but I am sure he is dead. Marcus asks Doc Sadler if he can check him out. Doc answers, "Sir I cannot leave this man", meaning Paquette. The rest of the squad is now in the area. Marcus asks a couple of guys to put a rope around Last's legs and move him to make sure the body has not been booby trapped. We also are making contact with the rest of that squad. Somebody has found Ben White's body. I remember Ojeda coming up later asking for Ben White.

About this time I hear on the radio McWilliams's squad talking to the Company Commander. They have spotted a contingent of Viet Cong coming toward them. They ask if it is okay to engage. They get the okay. A bit later we get a radio call from them. They have their gun set up and are ready. They tell us to keep down as they will soon be opening up. I relayed to Marcus and we shout out to everybody to get down. We wait and wait and nothing happens. I finally radio them and ask what is going on. The VC made a sudden turn and went into a wood line and disappeared.

A dust off had already been called in from the Company CP. It arrived along with a gun ship escort. I remember some confusion as initially Lt. Marcus was giving directions to the wrong chopper. He was looking at the chopper with running lights (gunship) while talking to the one totally dark (medivac). He throws a flare, the chopper comes in and lands. The casualties are loaded on. Then their gear gets passed up and on. I remember passing on Paquette's radio. One could see from the light of the chopper that the antenna had been shot off right at where it screwed into the radio. The antenna got passed up separate from the radio. Don't know how Paquette got the one call out.

The Company Commander gave us the okay to set up for the night a few hundred yards back from the incident in an open area with some large ravines for cover. I can remember Lt. Marcus with a flashlight reading from a roster calling in the casualties. There was one ARVN not accounted for.

The next morning McWilliams's squad joined us and the platoon went back to the area to look around. I remember one of his guys (I think Poole but don't quote me) found an American hand grenade. I asked where and he told me and I said that is where I found Last's body. We gave each other that knowing look. Last had always carried a grenade in his hand when walking point. He never got the pin pulled.

Somebody found the body of the missing ARVN. He was on his knees and elbows and had been shot through the head just beneath the rim of his helmet. He was still holding his carbine which had a round jammed in it. They would not send a chopper for the body and said we had to pack it back to the company base. I remember Schisler and another guy rolled it into a poncho and packed it. Eventually a chopper did come and pick it up. The platoon returned to the company base.

The Captain must have written to the parents of the guys killed. Sometime later, the Captain got a letter from Don Last's mother asking him to thank the men who had recovered her son's body

and sent it back to her. He passed the letter around and I remember getting it from Mc Williams. It was on that pastel feminine type paper and very tears stained. Paquette must have written to someone in his squad. I remember seeing pictures of him in bandages. I thought they were from the states but not positive on that.

Bill Paquette Wrote:

I have to hand it to you and your memory Zim. That was quite a dangerous area that they sent us into. I don't think that we were given the skinny on what we looking for but the scuttlebutt was that we were trying to locate and fix a regimental size unit. I think that we all had very bad feelings about the area. I remember that our company perimeter was reinforced with recoilless rifles and we were loaded for bear! We did perimeter duty the first night and each of the ambush squads ran into a lot of movement. I remember our patrol briefing the afternoon of the 10th. We all had the intense feeling that we were going to have a bad go that night. As Doug Young has stated, Ben White was very fatalistic. So was Don Last as I recall. The patrol was assigned as the left flanking element of our platoon movement and we were to set up in a treeline by two white pillars on an access road to the pineapple plantation. The distance was a bit too far for our company ordinance and I remember being very concerned about that. We also noticed a trail watcher or two as we were moving.

We reached a cluster of burial mounds that were in sight of our site and waited there for quite some time as we waited for dusk. Ben wanted to start moving into position and Don took point, I took left, and Ben took right, and I believe that Sgt Loan took rear as the rest of the guys were to hold back a bit. It is odd that I was carrying the radio that night. Froggy Stammer was booted over to another squad after doing a lot of complaining about carrying the radio. By the way, our call sign was Saxon Empire 44 Charlie (3rd squad). As I was coming out of a drainage ditch all hell broke loose. A guy in a floppy hat popped up in front of me and let loose an RPG which missed me by inches (I saw it coming at me!). It knocked me down and peppered my gear and radio as well as my back. The volume of fire was pretty massive and it felt like everyone was aiming at the radio! I went through a magazine or two and was pretty sure that I got the RPG shooter. I was totally focused on his position. After being shot in the leg and left arm I remembered the radio and made contact with the CO I think. I tried to give an evaluation of what was going on but heard a grenade roll towards my head. I tried to fit up into my helmet but couldn't! The explosion knocked out the radio and split the handset right at the push-to-talk. You guys sent it back to me at Walter Reed Hospital and I really appreciated that. The firing was sporadic and I feared that the squad was overrun. A killer team came up on me and started to go through my gear. I heard their commanders yelling orders and a lot of laughing. A couple of pistol shots were heard and someone came up to me a fired a nine at my head but missed as it went into my shoulder. An interesting thing happened. I had several packs of cigarettes in my utility pocket and a couple of the VC started arguing over possession of them. At least that is what I received was happening! I am the only person that I know whose life was saved by smoking!! All of a sudden I heard your squad whooping and yelling as you charged into the fray. What a pleasant event that was...perfect timing at that! My thanks to you all. I remember someone calling out that he found Don and then someone found Ben. I was concerned about a counter ambush and decided to stay quiet. Ojeda came up on me and I think that I grabbed his

boot and told him to not shout out. I was worried that he would put a round in me! I remember Doc working on me and Lt Marcus working the Dust-off. I'd love to find Sadler.

I still remember the running lights of a helicopter running by us and the LT being pissed about a transmission or as you stated a mix-up. The slick came in and I was placed on the deck along side of Don and Ben. As we were gaining altitude it seemed as if a couple of rounds hit the fuselage and the two medics were in panic. In any case I was taken to Cu Chi's 12th Evac with not too many minutes to spare. I have to say that Jack Hermann and Dave Schisler put on a great show. That 60 was very reassuring to hear. I was a bit concerned when it came to a stop. Shortly afterwards you fellows came to the rescue. It is amazing that I was able to stay in full consciousness and control during the event even after taking that grenade that shattered the handset and nearly took my right ear off. Ojeda and Jerry Parris layed out pretty good fire. That was interesting about Don Last's grenade! They were good men all. I am reasonable sure that this is how it played out.

Bill Paquette Wrote:

I think that we were fortunate that the event was not worse than it was. We ran into a hard core VC regional unit that set up a good ambush. We lost good people but it was fortunate that we all were not on the move.

Straightening out Dave's memory makes the BRAVO BUDDIES site worth while.

Reconnecting with everyone again is what its all about. We have a good history together.

Bob Figley Wrote:

My recall of July 10, 1967, 1st Platoon 3rd Squad ambush site:

It all started around noon on that day we were to head out on patrol. I had this feeling of uneasy and so did everyone else in the squad. Jerry Parris and I talked about the ambush we were going on that night and we both hoped we didn't go too far from base camp. Jerry said he was taking extra ammo. I said I was, also. For reasons unknown, everyone loaded up extra ammo, more than we would normally take. When it came time to saddle up and head out, there was some disagreement with Stammer about carrying the radio. So he was sent to another squad and we picked up Henley as an extra rifle man. As we headed out Don took point, followed by Ben, then Bill with the radio. I fell in behind Bill with the starlight. Henley was 10 yards to my left, and Arvn Long was 10 yards to my right. Jerry followed me, then an Arvn behind Jerry, next was Hermann and Schisler on the M-60 followed by Teddy and another Arvn.

As we filed out of camp, Lowery said, "Watch your ass." We walked across the rice paddies and came to a L-shaped wood line. Don was at the edge of the wood line when all hell broke loose right about dusk. Ben and Bill had just crossed over the dike approaching the wood line. I jumped into a small ditch and opened fire on the wood line to my left. I saw Henley way to my left running for cover. Long was still to my right in a big ditch. Jerry was behind me and the rest of the squad behind him. Jack and Dave opened the M-60 on the wood line where we were receiving rocket fire. Jerry's and Teddy's M-79 were also pounding the wood line. I moved up the ditch to the front and opened fire to the corner of the wood line. I hollered to Bill, but no response. As dark fell, Schisler hollered out for everyone to stay where they were and no one move. We returned fire off and on to the wood line. It felt as if we were being targeted to be

overrun until Lt. Marcus and squad arrived. Lt. and squad were coming in for support. I heard Dave say, "Halt, what's the password?" Lt. replied, "Hell, you know me." Once again Dave asked for the password or else we were going to open up. Lt. gave the correct password.

That night we helped put everyone on the med evac chopper, except Long. I told Bill to hang in there; you're going to the land of the big PX. The next morning Henley was looking for the M-16's. We headed back to base camp after recovering Long's body. We started out carrying Long back to the CP (Dave was doing most of the carrying). We carried Long some distance before the chopper finally arrived to airlift him back.

When we arrived back at base camp, a kind of silence surrounded us as we all hoped for Bill's recovery. That night we all counted on each other.

Ben and Don will always be remembered for their ultimate sacrifice. We will not forget.

Jerry Parris Wrote:

I had just returned from R&R. I flew into that area on a Huey a day or two before the patrol, so unfortunately, my mind was still on R&R.

What I remember, is we left the CP on ambush patrol sometime in the afternoon. Mentally I was thinking it was just another ambush patrol. I don't remember Ben White acting strangely at all, as though he had some premonition.

And Bill Paquette, I didn't pay much attention as I was in another world of R&R. We walked the staggered formation out. I was just ahead of Jack Hermann and to his left, probably 15-20 meters. The next thing I remember was Ben White hand signaling us to stop. I stood there trying to figure out what the hell was going on. Then I remember Bill P. and Ben W. walking over to me and Bill said "Jerry, wake up!" then they explained that they could see that I was distant, not paying attention. They asked me if I had seen the guy with the floppy hat? I said no. Well, now I was totally alert, as I hadn't seen any one!

They explained that we were going to wait until it got a little darker before proceeding to our final position. We must have been there, 15-20 minutes and then we proceeded on.

After going about 50 meters, I looked up at Don Last just before he entered the wood line. He was ahead of me and to my left. I then looked down at my watch and noticed that it was 7:10pm. At that instant, tracers went by about an inch from my face, from my left, on full auto. Definitely an AK. I hit the ground with such impact, it momentarily knocked me out. When I regained my senses, I noticed my helmet and glasses were gone. I was laying parallel to the wood line to the west. I remember seeing tracers hitting the ground around me, I still remember seeing the dirt flying as they hit, as it was a dried up rice paddy, hard as a rock. The suppressive fire momentarily let up. I saw my helmet and scurried for it. I then turned my body so I was facing the wood line, giving them a smaller target and I put my helmet in front of my head while laying on the ground, using it as cover. I then saw my glasses to my right and got them

back on. My first thought was, once I could see again, I was too damn close to the wood line! So I played dead for a minute or so, gathering my thoughts. I came to the conclusion that if I didn't start shooting my grenade launcher I will be dead!

The tracer fire was coming from all directions it seemed. I was pinned down; it's a helpless feeling. I heard no American voices. With all the tracer fire I knew we had casualties. I then noticed a RPG fly by me to my right and I decided to take it out. I could see the guy and the launcher. I shot a 79 grenade at him, but it went high. Unfortunately it attracted their attention and they started shooting at me again. I couldn't then, nor now, believe that I wasn't hit. The adrenaline was pouring through me, I probably wouldn't have even felt it if I had been hit.

After the firing subsided I noticed that the RPG guy was still there. This time he had a fresh rocket attach to the tube. I took careful aim, fired and never saw him again. I don't know if I hit him, Rich. I hope I did.

Well I fired a few more grenades from that position, every now and then playing dead, when they were firing at me.

I'd stay motionless and every now and then sneak off a round. As to how long I was laying out there, I don't have a clue, but I did come to realize that men in my squad were alive and behind me and firing their weapons.

After sometime, I heard voices from the men behind me. They were shouting at me, something about how they would cover me so I could get up and run back to the edge of the burial grounds. I remember Dave Schisler yelling at me about not forgetting the machine gun ammo, as I had 200 rounds in a can.

Eventually they told me to get up and make a run for it. I could hear Jack Hermann's voice as well as Bob Figley's and Ojeda's voices. I turned around and I could see the position of those men. I got up and ran between the tracer fire coming from Bob Figley's M16 to my left and Jack Hermann's machine gun fire to my right.

I dove in the ditch on the perimeter of the burial grounds. When I dove in I looked right at Bob Figley, that man was focused!

When I hit the side of the ditch as I dove in, again my glasses and helmet flew off. I sure felt a lot safer this time and couldn't believe I had made it back. I remember running my hands all over my body, looking for blood. None! I was amazed. If there is a God, he must have been with me.

Anyway, I found my glasses and helmet; then looked around noticed the position of our men. Slowly I peered over the ditch and couldn't believe the fire we were taking. I then noticed a RPG coming at us; it hit behind me to my left that was roughly the location of Dave S. and Jack H. I think that's the one Dave S. got the shrapnel from.

At this point in time, I don't remember us receiving any casualties, as we were not aware of what had happened at the front of the column. I do remember that they couldn't have hit us at a better time, as the sun was setting and we were looking directly into it. I remember seeing three standing enemy targets to the left of the wood line. I fired a 79 round at them. Again, I don't know if I hit any of them, but I didn't see them anymore.

As darkness approached the enemy firing slowly subsided, just a few shots every now and then. Then suddenly, all was quiet.

The next thing I remember is sitting on top of the burial ground, sitting with our backs to one another and passing the starlight scope around, looking for the enemy. It was eerily quiet. We thought they were regrouping.

Then all of a sudden, we heard voices from the Northwest and we thought the enemy was coming at us. We hollered for them to halt and identify themselves. They continued to come at us without acknowledging themselves- friend or foe. Someone in our squad must have recognized an American voice as we didn't fire at them. As it turned out, it was the 2nd and 3rd squad (Ambush 1) coming to our aid.

The next thing I remember is the Medevac coming in; it landed in the front of our patrol in the rice paddy to the north of the burial ground. I remember the chopper's lights. As they were landing I remember hearing enemy fire. At that time I didn't know where it was directed. I later found out that they were shooting at the chopper. One of the guys in Lt. Marcus' patrol informed us of our casualties. Don Last and Ben White were dead. Bill Paquette was so badly wounded that it was doubted that he'd survive his injuries.

We stayed in our position for the rest of the night, not knowing when the enemy would attack again. All I can remember thinking was how I couldn't believe that Don and Ben were dead, and Bill was gone. What an empty feeling.

When the sun came up the following morning we were instructed to police the area. Just behind my position and behind one of the burial markers was a Vietnamese Ranger, dead. We were hesitant about moving his body, as we didn't know if he was booby trapped or not. I don't remember how we initially moved him, but we did it in a safe manner. As it turned out, he wasn't booby trapped. This Ranger was in a kneeling position with his upper torso on the ground and blood running out the end of the barrel of his M1 rifle. The bolt was open and he was shot through the eye. Well, we went on policing the area and we went up to Don Last's final position. I walked behind the stumps the enemy fired from and noticed black and pink capsules laying on the ground. I picked them up and gave them to someone, I can't remember who. Sometime later I came to conclusion that the enemy was on drugs while fighting us. I continued policing and found a magazine from an AK, but that was all I found. I can't remember seeing any blood in the enemy positions, which wasn't unusual, generally the enemy polices up their area really well before leaving an area. I know they had casualties, but we didn't

find any signs of it. Such a damn psychological war.

Well, we finished policing the area, and decided it was time to head back to the CP. We tried to get a chopper out for the dead Vietnamese Ranger, to no avail. I remember we put his body in a poncho and I remember Dave S. and someone else carrying his body. I don't think we carried him all the way back, I think the chopper finally came out and retrieved his remains. I remember Jack H. telling Dave S. to get on the chopper too, as he had a chunk of shrapnel that went through his lip and took his tooth out. But Dave refused to get on the chopper and walked back with us, why, I don't know. I think he just didn't want to leave the patrol as he was the assistant machine gunner and wasn't going to leave Jack's side, my hat's off to the man.

We finally arrived back at the CP sometime before noon. We all sat around with an empty feeling over the loss of the men of our patrol. Finally someone came around and we gave our action report. We stayed in the CP area throughout that day and night, pulling security. We went back on ambush patrol on the 12th of July.

The war had changed us, we were now more alert than ever. We never talked about the loss of our men.....

Sometime later we received a letter from Bill Paquette, we were happy to hear he was alive!

I think I took the death of Don Last and Ben White very hard and it didn't help not knowing for some time what happened to Bill Paquette. It was only two years ago that I heard from Bill.

What did I learn from that patrol?

I attached a cord to the temple pieces on my glasses so I didn't lose them again. I made sure my helmet was secure at all times and that I always had plenty of ammo. And when we went on patrol, I was totally alert, almost to the point of being trigger happy!

You know what I mean, Rich. (Safety off). After that fight, all I wanted to do was to kill the enemy. There was so much hatred inside of me, after July 10th. I was a changed man, and it has affected me for the rest of my life.

Welcome to combat. No one understands, but us, Rich. I am very proud to say I was a combat infantryman.

I would like to thank the guys in my squad for saving my life that night. Without their professionalism and working as a team, I wouldn't be here. Jack Hermann, Dave Schisler, Bill Paquette, Ted Ojeda, and Bob Figley are the men I'll be thankful to for the rest of my life!

The SGT Long Controversy

Randy DeGeer Wrote:

A bit of a disagreement between Dave & I about the body of Sgt Long (VN 33rd Ranger). The following morning after Long's body was located, the squad carried his body back to Co CP as no chopper was sent out because he was a Vietnamese. Dave claims he was dusted-off. After so many years is it possible for someone's reality to change? ...or should I say memory?

Jerry Parris Wrote:

Hey Randy, the more I dwell on this firefight, thinking about Sgt Long, I don't think Dave Schisler carried the body. Dave was hit in the mouth the night before with shrapnel. The big fella had to be in pain, I doubt Jack H. would have let him carry the body. How many Vietnamese did you have in your squad that night Randy?

I think there's a strong possibility that the Vietnamese carried the body back to the CP. Man, everybody's ass was whipped from staying awake all night waiting to see if the VC were going to hit us again. I don't think any of us fell asleep that night, I sure didn't.

Dave Schisler Wrote:

Hey Jerry, I defiantly was part of the group who were carrying SGT Long remains. My wound was minor enough that I refused to be dusted off the night of the ambush. The following morning SGT Long remains were found and we placed him in a poncho and me, one other American and two Vietnamese Rangers helped carry him to a chopper for dust-off. Randy and I got into a discussion a few days ago about this subject as to whether SGT Long was carried back to CP, or dusted-off. Randy said he was carried all the way back to CP, I insisted he was dusted-off the very following morning. According to Zim, we were both right, or wrong, depending on how you look at it. Zimney said we started to carry SGT Long in a poncho back to the CP but along the way a chopper was finally available for a dust-off and we ultimately loaded him on a chopper. According to the AAR we had 4 Rangers attached to us that night.

Steve Zimney Wrote:

It was both. Originally they said no chopper was available and the body had to be carried back. The body was rolled into a poncho and two guys started packing it back. One of those guys was Dave Schisler. They did pack it for maybe a quarter mile, maybe more, maybe less, (hard to remember that detail) and then a dust-off came in and picked it up.

Jack Hermann Wrote:

My recollection of that night. I agree with Zimney, we made sure the body wasn't booby trapped, then Dave and myself carried the body along with the Rangers and met the chopper along the way for dust off.

Dave Schisler Wrote:

Thanks Zimney for clearing that up. See, Randy we were both right.

Men from Mortars



Paul (PK) Winfrey

Bobby Orr

Comments from Mortars

From a phone call, Paul (PK) Winfrey Said:

He remembered talking to Ben White prior to Ben going out that night. They knew a lot of the same people back in the world and Ben told him they would talk when he got back from the patrol.

A fire mission came in when Ben's squad got in trouble. He ran to the gun as he was a gunner on the 81 at that time and Bobby Orr was his assistant gunner. After they gave out the coordinates, Paul was leaning down the sights as Bobby Orr swung the tube around and hit Paul in the head and blood was going everywhere. Even with that they finished the fire mission.

Men from the CP



Ken Buchert

Doug Young

Lindy Lowery

Comments from the CP

Company Commander, Ken Buchert Wrote:

"In mid-1967, most US units were conducting battalion, brigade and division operations consisting of extensive day-light operations followed by moving into night defensive positions. The 3/7 Infantry was doing just the opposite with day-time operations being company size sweeps or searches followed by extensive night ambushes; B Company sometimes put out as many as nine ambushes in a single night. Most ambush patrols were led by a squad leader. Each patrol was fully integrated or combined with the 33rd ARVN Rangers.

On July 10, the area was very flat and mostly open so when the firing broke out we could see it from the Company CP. We had no idea what was going on and tried to contact all of the patrols in the general area. We couldn't contact Ben White's patrol but the firing continued. We contacted Lt Marcus patrol and asked what was going on. I was told that it wasn't that patrol but the squad to its left. We tried again to raise Ben White's patrol and could get no answer. I radioed Lt. Marcus and gave orders for that patrol to go check it out. They moved quickly. We called in gunships and alerted the Medevac. We were prepared to call in artillery. I was notified that the area was secured and was updated on the situation.

The next morning the members of the patrols were interviewed for the after action report. One of the matters mentioned several times was that "green things" were flying around which none of us had seen before. We had seen green tracers and knew that the "green things" were different. Later we found out that they were RPG's which B Company had not encountered previously.

Just to clarify why the Medevac was refused the next morning for Ranger SGT Long's body: it was a higher up policy based on priority being evacuation of US wounded. Had SGT Long been wounded or his body found prior the Medevac arriving that night, his body would have been evacuated at that time. I was proud that the members of the patrol had carried his body out. The Ranger Company Commander was very grateful."

"Regarding Dave Shisler's concern that he might have been responsible for the death of Ranger SGT Long, I have absolutely no recollection of ever hearing about the possibility that he, or any other patrol member, was responsible in any way for his death; Dave's email was the first that I heard about it. I am sure that if that allegation had been shared with the Ranger Company Commander, he would have brought it to my attention in no uncertain terms and demanded that I take action. He and I had a very good professional relationship built on trust and he never hesitated to raise concerns or disagree with me. He never brought this up therefore I can only believe that he did not accept or even know about the allegation. I also never heard about it through American channels, that is from 3/7 Battalion Headquarters. I think that it was Vietnamese GI's grousing about the death of a comrade and lashing out at the available person. I am absolutely certain that Dave did not cause the death of Ranger SGT Long."

3rd Platoon Leader, Doug Young Wrote:

Wow!

Just plain wow!

I wasn't with the patrol, but I do have one deep memory that has stayed with me all these years.

Right after I had given the op orders to the patrol leaders, Ben White came up to me and said that he had enjoyed working with me. I asked him what the hell he was talking about.

Ben said "We're gonna get hit on the way out and I'm going to buy the farm."

Of course, I protested strongly, telling him not to talk that way, but he was just so calm - said it was okay.

And - I knew Bill was going out with him. If you remember, Ben was a SP4 when he was KIA. Somebody (I think in Germany) had busted him, but Ben was an old-line NCO - a pro - the kind of squad leader who makes a young lieutenant look good. Bill has just been promoted to buck Sergeant, and needed to learn the in and outs of running a squad, so he went along. Bill - if I remember correctly - you humped the radio because you were a long time RTO, but you didn't need to as an NCO. Is it fair to say that radio saved your life?

That has stayed with me - that Ben predicted his own death.

Company RTO, Lindy Lowery Wrote:

As I recall the day of the ambush was eerily quiet and calm around the base camp. People gathered in small groups & discussed different things more so than usual. There was the incident of some of the guys, including myself, gathering around Ben and listening to him telling of the upcoming ambush as if he were actually seeing into the future. Not only did he tell of the upcoming events he also marked "X's" on a sandbag which was lying nearby, of the people who were going to be either injured or killed that night. The only person he named as being killed was himself, although he also marked out the guy in front of him, (Don), as being killed and the guy behind him would be hurt really bad,(Bill). Everyone listened intently, but of course passed it off as we didn't know what we actually heard. We all heard it, but it just didn't register, really a weird or scary moment when a man tells you of his impending death and being so calm as it was just a matter of fact.

For some reason, I've thought about it time & time again over the years I purposely stood out in the path and spoke to each and every person on that patrol as they were leaving. That evening. I remember Don saying that "he really didn't want to go, that something just didn't feel right". Ben said "it's been nice" and gave me his big old grin as usual. Bill made the comment that he was nervous and told me "he was glad I wasn't going with them". I can't remember all the things that were said, but remember everyone said something to me as they came by, some jokingly and some somber.

I was outside the CP when the firing began and remember the seeing the tracers. I ran inside to see what was happening and found that the ambush had been hit. It is my recollection from that point that Don & Ben had been killed outright and Bill had been hit really bad. I recall that apparently the killer squad was scared off by the other squad approaching, which inadvertently saved Bill's life. There was also something about an empty ak-47 magazine being found near Bill. Also the radio he was carrying caught several rounds which I'm sure also saved his life. As I recall they were also flanked from one side and this is when Sgt. Loan was killed. I seem to remember there was so much chaos that he wasn't found until early morning on his knees leaning into a tombstone. He had been shot in the back of the head. They refused to medivac him out as he wasn't an American, even though they were attached to our unit, and had to be carried out by our people.

I came in April and Ben was an E-5 when I arrived. He was the only person I knew who could sit and drink rice wine all day and get up and walk away.

I hope this has shed some light on that event, as horrible as it was. I have carried it with me since that night and this is the first time I have spoken of it since. I remember looking at that sandbag and the radio the next day and remember thinking, how could we have had the conversations we did the day before and not see what was happening? I guess you just didn't want to believe it. I understand now that unbeknowing to them and us, although we heard it, we didn't believe it, but they were saying goodbye.

Men of the 3rd Platoon – Ambush 7



Rich Hearell



Gary Mayberry



Byron Persing



Doc Thomas



Gary Patterson



Jesus Cardenas



Bill Miller



Craig McIntire



Armando Pena



Roy Plaster



Larry Nyland



Gerald (Pooky) Smith

Comments from 3rd Platoon - Ambush 7

Larry Nyland Wrote to Rich Hearell:

I have a after action report for the ambushes of 10 July 67. I sent a copy to Bill and I can send you a copy if you send your mailing address. It turns out we were both participants in the same action that evening. I and SP4 Gerald Smith (Pooky) were sent along with a small 60mm mortar to support your patrol. If you recall, we were fired upon just as we were preparing to set up positions. You are listed as carrying a Starlight M16. Sgt.Mayberry was squad leader. Sgt.Pershing (FO) WIA, PFC Thomas (medic)WIA, also a Ranger WIA. Plaster ,McIntire,

Miller(WIA), Pena, Cardenas, we also six ARVN rangers attached. Smith and I set up the Mortar in the paddy behind the dike and were able to get some HE and then Illum rounds out. As the opposing treeline was so near we had some difficulties getting the range settings at first. Sgt.Mayberry didn't medavac the medic as he thought we might have more casualties. (He was wounded in the hand). Thought you looked very familiar. Advise me if you receive this. For some reason I dont see the attachments for the photos mentioned earlier. This is really getting interesting. Larry.

Rich Hearrell wrote:

Larry, I don't remember being assigned a Starlight M16 but I do remember us stopping and scanning a village with one that we were approaching and eventually we walked into a ambush. I can't say with certainty it was the same incident but the Starlight rings a bell. If we are talking about the same incident prior to the ambush, our platoon if not our whole company had set up together and it was a real laid back atmosphere and I remember some of the guys were even playing baseball. No doubt this was being witnessed by the VC. I think some of us had that feeling that we were going to see action that night and a few of us attached bayonets. (never done that before) We even changed our line up that night with me taking point and Mayberry right behind me. Maybe after I read the action report I can put the pieces back together. I will send you my address and by the way after 44 years, thanks for the mortar support!

Larry Nyland wrote:

Rich, Certain it was the same incident. Its amazing how our memories differ of the same action, and its been a very long time. I recall we were had just reached our ambush site. In particular, Mayberry and the RTO were receiving a transmission regarding casualties from the other ambush, going over the line numbers when the firing erupted. The FOs were always from the Mortar Plt. Yes, there were ARVN rangers, one of them I put to work preparing rounds with us. And a little later on one of the rangers felt that we had fired a short round wounding one of them. That was BS, but I can see how they were a little sensitive about our capabilities, given earlier incidents with our 81s. In the Pineapple we blew up the water trailer and then wounded one ranger sitting atop a bunker. We had been issued WW11 era ammo, and the charges were often damp. We were stood down for a day or two over those incidents. Yes, Gerald? Brown was from the Mortar Plt. I had had a strange feeling for some time that afternoon that something was going to happen also. Weird. Will get the report out to you.

Larry Nyland Wrote:

I recall when the M-60 went down we lost fire superiority for a short period. It was really good to have it up again. I hadn't realized it was when we took some casualties. Gerald Smith and I were some meters behind the dike in the open paddy trying to get the 60mm mortar going. We had one Ranger attached to us as a ammo bearer. He froze up when the firing started but

eventually I was able to get him to open the mortar canisters for us. I like to think we surprised the VC when we started dropping rounds into the wood line. I don't know why we weren't listed on the after action report. Smith and I were there as the rounds expended show. Typical. It might have been the only time we used the 60 that year. It wasn't on our TOE and I think Mack Williams didn't want us to take on the role. The Vietnamese rangers had one also. (Not that night). It's a shame we didn't use it more often. There was no way we could hump the 81 and ammo on smaller actions.

Rich Hearell Wrote:

Looking at the report it appears we were part of ambush seven. The report said we emerged from a wood line but in fact we were heading into a wood line covering a village or a grove like the report said. We scanned the tree line with a starlight before moving forward. Their machine gun waited until we were maybe 20 to 30 yards away before they opened up us. I turned around and jumped behind a dike and returned fire as Mayberry did the same. I still don't know how they missed me and Mayberry as the dirt was kicking up in front of my feet. We crisscrossed our firing with our tracers lighting up the tree line. I remember there was a medic that got wounded in the hand. He was in a lot of pain and injected himself with Morphine until he was dusted off. Another of our wounded was Cardenas that survived only to come home and get killed in a car accident. The report does not break down our position during the fight but it would similar to the AAR diagram with the enemy Machine Gun coming from the upper left. Our only cover was the rice paddy dikes.

From a phone call with Gary Patterson:

He remembered thinking or saying that when leaving our camp "that something really bad is going to happen". Gary remembered walking point before Hearell switched positions with him. He remembered some of us fixing bayonets as that feeling was in the air something was going to happen. He talked of a Arvn that may have been a Sgt or Officer and on the way to our location he had turned on his flashlight to read his map without the red lens on as he lit the whole place up. (Talk about giving away our position!) Gary said we had traveled through a cemetery before reaching the tree line where we got hit. He recalls there were hooch's mixed in behind the tree line.

After Action Report

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, 3d Battalion 7th Infantry
199th Infantry Brigade (Sep)(Lt)
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12 July 1967

SUBJECT: After Action Report OCT 4 10 July 1967

TO: Commanding General
199th Infantry Brigade (Sep)(Lt)
ATTN: S3
APO 96279

The purpose of this after action report is to describe the actions of ambushes from OCT 4 on the night of 10 July 1967.

At 1824 hours ambushes 1,2&3 left the CP of OCT 4. They were to move as a group to a release point where they were to split up and proceed individually to their respective locations: XS7C4990, XS713987 and XS698983. At 1902 hrs ambushes 6,7&8 left. They were also to move as a group and to avoid previously used routes, they moved south on the west side of the stream running from vic XS724946 to XS720924. Where the stream turned to the west, they were to turn northwest and proceed through a wooded area to their release point vic XS709931. From there they would move to ambush positions at XS709932, XS700926 and XS705940.

At approximately 1910 hrs ambush 3 was in the vicinity of XS703978 and was still moving to its position. It entered a U-shaped wooded area where they were ambushed by a force estimated at 20-30 VC, armed with carbines, M79's and AK47's and/or RPK LMG's. The VC opened fire when the point man was approximately 5 meters from their positions. In the initial burst of fire, the point man and the squad leader, who was second in the file, were killed, the PRC-25 was knocked out of commission by fragments from an M79 rd, and 2 US were wounded, one litter and one ambulatory. (See inclosures 1&2).

Ambush 2 vic XS711979 heard the firing and began moving to reinforce. While moving, ambush 2 saw 5 VC 150 meters away at XS712978. They fired on them with unknown results.

Ambush 1 was in the vicinity of XS703984 when it heard the firing break out and started moving to reinforce. It approached the fire fight from a northerly direction which put the VC at the base of the U-shaped ambush in a cross fire (see inclosure 1). Until the arrival of ambush 1, the VC had been trying to maneuver their flanks so as to surround ambush 3. When ambush 1 caught them in a cross fire, however, the VC broke contact. In the course of the fire fight the VC fired an estimated 20 M79 rds and 1000 rds of carbine and 7.62mm ammunition. US forces expended about 50 rds M79, 700 rds M60 and 500 rds M16. US forces reported seeing 6 of the VC fired on fall. Because of uncertainty as to ambush 2's location, no artillery was called. Instead, a flareship and IFT were requested at 2017 hrs. At approximately 2040 they arrived in the area and provided illumination and protection for a dustoff which

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had been called at 1945 hrs. Dustoff was complete at 2055 hrs. The illumination also allowed the ambushes to search the areas where they had had contact. Ambush 2 found nothing, but ambushes 1&3 found a hat, 2 magazines for a RPK ING and a ~~number~~ of loose 7.62mm rounds, both expended and unexpended.

Meanwhile at 2014 hrs ambush 7 had split up with 6&8, and emerged from a woodline ~~vic XS706930~~. They were fired on by an M60 machine gun located in a grove vic XS703929. 3 US and 1 ARVN were wounded. At this time ambush 6 was in the vicinity of XS709932, and ambush 6 was at XS706931. All three ambushes were fired upon by the machine gun vic XS703929, several automatic wps vic XS705953 and an M79 vic XS706934. The VC force was estimated at about 8 or 10 men (The next day during a search of the village, villagers reported seeing 10 VC enter the village on the north-south trail at the NW end of the village. After the ambush, 6 VC were seen leaving along the same trail).

Soon after the initial engagement, the VC broke contact. They had fired an estimated 200 rds M60 and 5 rds M79. US forces fired 14 rds of illumination and 5 rds of HE from a 60mm mortar, 20 rds M79, 250 rds M60 and 500 rds M16. Artillery was called in the vicinity of the machine position. 1 VC was hit by fire and seen fall.

At 2121 hrs ambush 7 reported that 2 of the wounded, 1 US and 1 ARVN, required a dustoff. The flare ship and LFT moved from the area where 3 had had contact to give illumination and support to the dustoff for #7. Dustoff was complete at 2153 hrs.

At 2155 hrs ambush 3 reported that one ARVN was missing. Although the LFT received another mission and was released by CCT 4 at 2157 hrs, the flare-ship returned to 3's location to assist in efforts to find the missing man. Flare-ship stayed in the area until approximately 2220 hrs. (At 0640 hrs on the morning of 11 July the body of the missing Ranger was found with his weapon and all his gear. See inclosure 1).

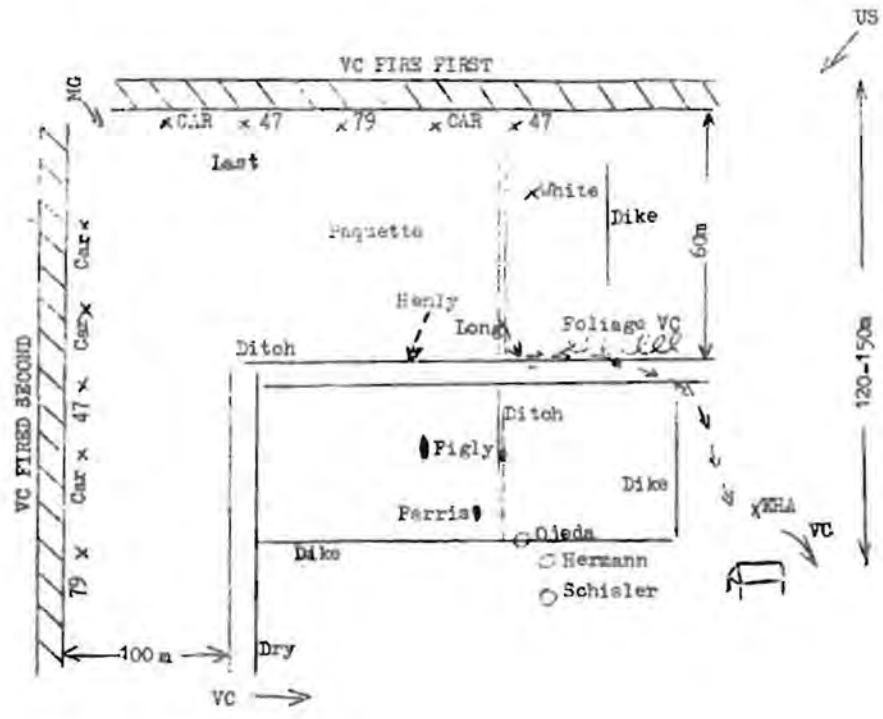
After the dustoff was completed and the areas of contact searched, the ambushes set up in new locations:

1&3-XS703974
2-XS711975
6-XS707933
7-XS707930
8-XS715930

RESULTS

Allied Forces: 2 US KIA, 1 ARVN KIA, 5 US WIA, 1 ARVN WIA

Allied Losses (Equip): 1 PRC-25 destroyed, 2 M16, (1 2 powered colt scope)



White 25 meters from wood
 Lasy 5 meters from wood
 Paquette 20 meters from wood 47 Mag by him

NW
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 route of march
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1910 320AM
 2000 END

1. SP Last M16 KHA (M16 Lost)
2. SGT White M16 Pat Ldr KHA
3. SGT Paquette M16 T.L. Radio WHA (M16 Lost)
4. SGT Henley M16
5. PFC Figley M16 Starlight
6. ARVN Long KHA M2 Carbine
7. ARVN T6 M1
8. ARVN M79
9. ARVN M1
10. PFC Parris M79
11. SGT Hermann M60
12. PFC Schisler M16 WHA
13. PFC Ojeda M79

Incl 2

2000 HRS 3d PLATOON

1. Hearell SP 4 Starlight (in use) M16
2. Mayberry SGT Squad Leader M16
3. ARVN
4. ARVN RTO WIA
5. Persing SGT (PO) M16 WIA
6. Thomas PFC Medic M16 WIA
7. Patterson SP4 M16
8. Cardenas MC60 WIA
9. ARVN
10. Miller M16 WIA
11. ARVN
12. McIntire M16
13. ARVN Carbine
14. ARVN
15. Pena M79
16. Plaster M16

One mortarman slightly wounded in foot (frag.)

Ferry

SP4 NYLAND & SP4 SMITH WERE WITH THIS PATROL
WITH A 60MM MORTAR. NOTE ^{ILLUMINATION} 60MM HE ROUNDS FIRED.
FOR SOME REASON WE WERE NOT LISTED

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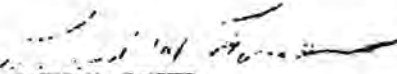
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LESSONS LEARNED

1. Leaders should not group themselves within an element especially at the front of an element.
2. Do not enter a woodline without checking it first. Where possible, woodlines should be flanked, not entered frontally.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


DAVID W. POMER
Captain, Infantry
Assistant Adjutant

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				0001 10 July 67	2400 10 July 67
ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INL
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Journal Opened; DO-LT Lauck, DNGO SSG Spragus		WS
2	0030		Co B, C&E SITREP-Neg		WS
3	0045		Co A SITREP-Neg		WS
4	0137		Co A SITREP-Neg		WS
5	0139		Co B, C&E SITREP-Neg		WS
6	0200		SSG Brown reports for duty LT Austin-DO		LB
7	0230		Co A, B, C&E SITREP-Neg		WS
8	0340		Co E ambush 8 closed		LB
9	0330		Delayed; Co A, B, C&E SITREP-Neg		LB
10	0345		Co E ambush 7 home		LB
11	0407		Co E ambush 5 moving		A
12	0412		Co E 1st and 3d plat elements moving	Advisors	A
13	0425		Co A SITREP-Neg		A
14	0430		Co C&B SITREP-Neg		A
15	0431		Co E SITREP-Neg		A
16	0435		Co E ambush 5 home 1st & 3d plat are moving		A
			through PF location		A
17	0524		Co E 1st element in psn		A
18	0530		Co B&C SITREP-Neg		A
19	0531		Co E SITREP-Neg		A
20	0532		Co A SITREP-Neg		LB
21	0533		Checked with S4 to see if trucks are ready.		
			They are ready to go.	DO	LB
22	0533		Co E ambush 6 home		LB
23	0533		The Saigon Police arrived at this location	DO, Bde, PFC Cefeldt	LB
24	0550	Delayed	S2 waiting for IPW to join them on the road	DO	LB
25	0551		Informed IPW		LB
26	0600		IPW team has left their compound	Bde	A
27	0601		Co B patrol location 703926-720965	DO, Bde	LB
28	0615		Co E 3d plat will be in place shortly	DO	LB
29	0624		Co E element loading vehicles getting ready to depart	DO	LB
30	0630		Co A ambush 1 home		LB
31	0631		S2 is at starting point	DO	LB
32	0631		Co C ambushes 1, 2, 3, 8 moving		LB
33	0633		Co A ambush 2 home		LB
34	0639		Co C ambush 8 closed		LB
35	0640		Bde inform S3 when chopper arrives at this loc DO, S3 Air		A
36	0642		Co C ambush 7 closed		A
37	0646		Co C ambush 2 closed		A
38	0652		Co E seal not yet in place	CO, S3 Air	A
39	0656		Co C ambush 3 closed		LB
40	0658		Co C ambush 7 closed		A
41	0700		Co C ambush 4, 6 joining up with #5		LB
42	0701		S3 search has begun	Bde, DO	LB
43	0701		Tommy Hawk 27 inbound to this location		LB

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44	0701		Co C ambush 1 closed		LB
45	0702		Co B ambush 1&2 closed		LB
46	0705		Tommy Hawk 27 (chopper) arrived this loc	DO, Bde	LB
47	0730		Advised S4 & Chaplain that chopper ETA is 10 to 15 min		LB
48	0730		CO is at E Co location		LB
49	0737		Co B ambush 3,4,5 closed to make patrol #1		LB
50	0755		2-3 heard AW fire at approx 7980		LB
51	0800		Adv: RAG boats receiving SA fire vic XS794792- fire from W bank	DO, Co C, Bde Furman	LS
52	0818		Delayed 075/: B Co ambush 2&3 closed		LB
53	0757		Delayed: C Co patrol 1 moving		LB
54	0824		CO on the ground at E Co location		LB
55	0835		Report from LT Austin inform S3 Air to tell the CO Bde needs all info on opn that CO has looked at. Needs info for planning opns such as what vehicles we will take, no more than 10% will stay behind. Maj McDonald wants to know if 6 hours is enough time for us. Inform S3 Air there is a great deal of concern on the air cycle on yesterdays air strikes.		LB
56	0900		Spec. Miller wants S3 Air to put in a request for air craft through the 20th he only has it through the 18th July 67.	S3 Air	LB
57	0930		Co E heard firing 3000 to 400 meters of Hung Long #2	46th Inf has firing in that loc	LS
58	0948		Co E 1st plat found one 81mm rd 786770 will flow in place, it is not booby trapped.	Bde SGT Hanson	LB
59	0955		Informed CO on contact w th 46th Inf at 786748	S3 Air	LB
60	0958		46th Inf size of force one sqd reinforced with LMG.	S3 Air	LB
61	1010		Co C patrol 2 route from 681855-712844-726863 Patrol will be come ambushes 1, 2, 3 for tonight		LB
62	1016		S3 search 90% complete	Bde	LB
63	1030		Search complete & seal released	S3 Air, Bde Hanson	LB
64	1038		Co B patrol 1 location at 717954		LB
65	1044		Co C patrol 1 loc at 671870		LB
66	1045		Delayed: E Co picked up 2 suspects on search and brought them to this location	S2, Bde Hanson	LB
67	1126		S2, has closed this location		A
68	1130		CPT Wood called to relay msg to CPT Eskew S4 the msg was to forget about the sling that they had discussed.	S4	LB
69	1135		SGT Hanson at Bde informed me that the 10% is based on the fighting forces Eqs is not in-		

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			involved (Example A Co cannot have over 10% of there people staying back) this information came from Bde CO	DO, CO, S3 Air	LB
70	1202		Co E all elements back at this location		A
71	1203		Co B patrol loc 723959		A
72	1205		Co C patrol loc 683864		A
73	1215		Co B patrol 1 closed		A
74	1225		Results of spot report at 794792, 2 ARVN WIA, S3 Air picked up 2 detainees, still under interrogation WIA to Cho Ra, Hos-Saigon	SGT Hanson Bde	A
75	1252		GPT Files wants to know if we are to pick up a Chieu Hoi at the 25th Division	S2	LB
76	1325		Co A is test firing 40mm about 100m NW of this location.	CO, Adv, S3 Air, DO	LB
77	1355		DO-LF Lauck, DNOO SSG Sprague		CL
78	1420		Co C ambushes 1-725865, 2-714845, 3-731865, 4-713844, 5-712852, 6-708854, 7-695844, 8-701843		WS
79	1421		Co A completed 40mm firing		WS
80	1455		CO remind XO that visitor at 1545 who will survey area.	XO	WS
81	1538		Co B check point closed checked 5 vehicles 18 people neg results.	DO	WS
82	1550		Co C patrol 2 loc 723858		WS
83	1552		Co A ambushes 1-720783, 2-712790 (9-1)	Posted	WS
84	1625		Co E check point closed checked 7 veh 109 people negative results		WS
85	1635		Co B ambushes 1-704990, 2-713987, 3-698983, 4-729951, 5-725955, 6-709932, 7-700926, 8-705940	Posted	WS
86	1648		Co C patrol 2 loc 726860		WS
87	1745		Co E ambushes 1-782860, 2-787787, 3-778790, 4-771791, 5-765780, 6-768783, 7-772780, 8-771777	Posted	WS
88	1756		Co C ambush 4, 5, 6 moving		WS
89	1820		RF/FF ambushes posted		WS
90	1824		Co B ambush 1, 2, 3 moving		WS
91	1839		Co C ambush 1, 2, 3 moving		WS
92	1902		Co B ambush 7&8 moving		WS
93	1919		Co E ambush 1, 2, 3, 4 moving		WS
94	1930		Co E ambush 7 moving		WS
95	1936		Co A ambush 1 moving		WS
96	1938		Co E ambuan 5, 6 moving		WS
97	1945		Co B ambush 3 had contact w/VC lost contact with ambush 3, ambush 1&2 moving to assist ambush 3 XS703978	Adv, 33d Rgrs	WS
98	1946		Co E ambush 1 in pen Co C ambush 8&7 in pen		WS
99	1950		Co E ambush 2 in pen		WS
100	1952		Co A ambush 2 moving		WS

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101	1953		Co C ambush 4 in pen		WS
102	1959		Co E ambush 7 in pen		WS
103	2001		Co E ambush 3 in pen		WS
104	2004		Co E ambush 1&4 in pen		WS
105	2009		Co E ambush 5 in pen		WS
106	2012		46th & 50th Inf has neg troop changes		WS
107	2014		Co B ambush 7 in contact -now more inf coming	Bde SGT White, CO	WS
108	2015		Co A ambush 1,2 in pen	Adv, 33d Rgr	A
109		2017	Requested LFT and Spooky	Bde SGT White	A
110	2023		Co E ambush 8 in pen all in pen		WS
111	2025		Bde LFT and flare ship enroute	B Co, CO	WS
112	2032		Co B 3d plat ele split 3d plat B ele got hit		
113	2035		3 WIA US 1 ARVN WIA all ambulatory CoB ref 97 cas & XHA US & WHA 1 litter 1 amb	Bde EPT Smith Bde SGT White dust-	WS WS
114	2037		Delayed: Dustoff for B Co amb 3 called at	off called 1945	WS
115		2055	1945 hrs Dustoff complete	Bde CPT Smith -	WS WS
116	2110		Bde neg preplan	S3 Air	WS
117	2121		Co B req dustoff for 1 US, 1 ARVN XS709933	Dustoff Bde CPT Smith	WS
118	2130		Co A SITREP-Neg ambush 1&2 in pen 2014		WS
119	2137		Delayed: B Co 1st plat ele at 1930 got hit at XS703978 when the 2d ele of the 1st plat was enroute to assist they engaged 5 VC results unknown.		WS
120	2153		Co B dustoff complete to 12th Evac		WS
121	2155		Co B 1 ARVN missing from ambush 3	33d, Adv, Bde CPT Smith	WS
122	2157		Co B released LFT	Bde CPT Smith	WS
123	2214		Co B 1st plat ele lost 2 M16 rifles 1 PRC 25 destroyed 3d plat neg losses		WS
124	2230		Co B 1st plat ele, VC opened fire on point man 5m away during action VC fired approx 20 rds M79 and approx 1000 rds of carbine and AK 47 and 3d plat ele was first fired at a distance 150m by an M60 MG approx 200 rds and 5 rds M79 returned fire 14 rds 60mm ill 5 rds 60mm HE, 20 rds M79 250 rds M60 MG, 500 rds M16, obs one (1) VC hit and fall approx force of VC 4-6, 1st plat est force 20-30 VC est ammo exp by VC 1000 rds of carbine & AK 47 US ammo rds 50 rds M79, 700 rds M60MG, 500 rds M16 also obs 6 VC hit and fall.	CO, S3 Air, Bde SGT White	WS
125	2232		Co A SITREP-Neg		WS
126	2302		Co C SITREP-Neg		WS

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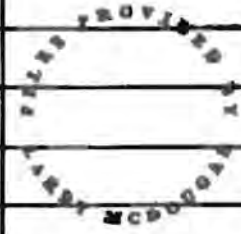
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1	0001		Opened Journal		
2	0002		D/3: No change SITREP		
3	0002		D/17: Commo check		
4	0010		D/17: Guards check physical all secure.		
5	0100		D/17: Guards check all secure, physical.		
6	0100	0100	IIFW: No change in sitrep.		
7	0100		IIFW: PF CP AT 791081 spotted 80 VC going into village at AP DONG HAMLET #2 at 2225. The VC were seen leaving the village, the PF fired illumination but did not fire HE due to the village and people in the area		
8	0200		2/3: No change in sitrep.		
9		0200	IIFW: No change in sitrep.		
10	0202		D/17: Physical check on guards all secure.		
11	0220		CMD: Firefly rec'd SA fire from IS 965835 no hits taken, no cas. S-3 duty officer gave permission to return fire.		
12		0305	IIFW: No change in sitrep.		
13	0315		D/17: Guard post reports seeing tracer rds and hearing automatic wps fire over village.		
14	0400		2/3: No change SITREP		
15	0405		D/17: Guard check all secure		
16	0440		FM FM: report Motory Drive is clear.		
17	0500		D/17: Guards check all secure.		
18		0500	IIFW: No change in sitrep		
19		0600	IIFW: No change in sitrep.		



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	MOON	DAY						
20	0600		D/17: Guards check all security.					
21	0600		2/3: No change in sitrep.					
22	0550		3/7: At 0553 hrs Saigon police has arrived at this location(9/7).					
23	0620		3/7: Seal started at 0740 hrs. S-2 departed Bn CP at 0600 hrs. B Co contact last night: Arty expended 1 WP 105mm, 18 HE 105mm.					
24	0800		RF Co closed training area.					
25	0815		3/7: 0800 XS796793 W: Rag boats received AW fire west bank-3/7 CO is airborne over area, will keep informed. 2/3 reported hearing AW fire in same area.					
26	0855		3/7: Ref item #25 751831 W: Rag boats that fired AW fire at XS796793 suffered 2 W KIA-1 S have medics at Anh Ednh Bridge (XS 751831) waiting to bring wounded back to Bn.					
27	0925		2/3 Fire Fly in support Rec fire from Sampan Wc xs 937833 ! Results 1C BC & 1C Poss.					
28	1100		3/7: B Co vic 7977 0701 search started. 1030 search ended. 2 suspects XS791773, 0948-1 Blum rd- destroyed 796770.					
29	1215		2/3: Results of airstrike, see journal					
30	1230		3/7: 796793 ref rag boats receiving fire at 0800. 3/7 picked up 2 detainees vic 796793 at 0830. Journal 25 and 26.					
31	1304		FAC: XS99977 15 foot sampan, motorized headed east, 2 men, 3 women and one child. Stopped in village vic XS 990974					

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32	1310		3/3: RRF for 111200 July B Co P2 IS 853784.		
33	1315		FAC: XS 999977 one 15' motorized sampan with one person flying AW flag headed south. 1317 20' motorized sampan west bound 6 W flags, 2 adults and 2 children. 1319 12' motorized sampan GW flag 1 man parked 150 meters north another sampan 12' 1 man parked.		
34	1530		Maj Williams Eng Gp Loc XT 988032	CHD	
35	1450	1450	IIPV: Ref WIP, Plan A in effect	DCO, S3, 4/12	
36		1535	G3, IIPV: WIP STA 20 min	4/12	
37	1536		FAC: Notified S-3, 4/12 FAC now covering VIP Operation		
38	1545		CHD: Req info on Blam incident at coord 967982 wounding 3 civilians at 2110 9 July 67. Have no knowledge of this, will check out.	4/12 & Arty	
39	1620		D/17: Cav ambush for 10 July at XS 926906.		
40	1655		4/12: WIP departed C Co		
41	1715		4/12: At 1600 vic IS 960957 Razorback destroyed 1 hut, 1 bunker and 1 E KIA (Poss).		
42	1730		2/3: Adv rpt National police rpt'd 2 E plt's IS 813715-875712-871712, at 092100. AD checking area Arm C-2 rating. Adv rec 1600. 2/3 rec 1725.		
43	1730		2/3: Adv rpt, dependent of national police- 1 in est 500 W at IS 840658-840653-840653, digging foxholes armed w/ crew served wps; 060 101500 hrs C-1 arm rating. Adv rec 1600, 2/3 rec 1725.		
44	1830		D/17: Guards posted 1830 hrs		

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45	1845		F/IC: Yellow Jackets 71 3f100 on tgt 1130 off 1145 at XS 897734 w/6M82HD, 6w750, naps, 90% on tgt 40% tgt coverage, 1 bunker destroyed (see back up)		
46	1908		2/3: ADV rpt at XS 890857 7 VC took cover at Hai Qua gardens 100800. Adv rec'd 1845, 2/3 rec'd 1905.		
47	1930		4/12: A Co at XT 89012 at 1815 hrs 5 detainees 1 W boys claims they are VC. 1920 5 detainees brought to En CP.		
48	1950		2/3: E Co no#6 AP change to XS 855778.		
49	2005		D/17: LRRP had contact w/ est VC squ ad Reg US cas, VC cas unk, Arty called in. Will check area in morning		
50	2005		4/12: LFT (razorback) results of support at 4/12 AD- XS 966960=2 huts 1 bunker. IS 3 huts 2 bunker. XS 033945 1 hut 1 bunker and 1 VC HIA (BC) at 1900, all was destroyed.		
51	2010		3/7: B Co AP no#8 had contact resulting in 2 US MIA & 2 US KIA. VC cas unk, size of VC force unk at this time. At 2025 AP no#7 in contact request LFT IS 709956.		
52	2040		3/7: B Co AP #7 in contact has 3 MIA all ambulatory. Dist off on way. Time 2032 hrs		
53	2050		2/3: C Co AP no #1 change to XS 806846.		
54		2150	DIFF W Reported to G-3 B CO casualties (see back up)		
55	2200		2/3: No change in sitrep		
56	2202		D/17: Guards check all secure.		
57	2235		3/7: B Co AP#3 VC opened fire on point man at a distance of 5 meters. VC fired 1000 rds of carbine and AK 47 rds AP#7 fired on by VC w/ M60 mg. Equipment losses 2M16, 1 pro 25 dead		
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