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Re: Commemorative Book of U.S.A. Airborne Fiftieth Anniversary

Sirs:

Congratulations to you all on the publication of the commemorative book! When my copy arrived my wife remarked on the handsome cover, "Now that is a book for our coffee table in the living room." I will be proud to display it there for visitors and my family.

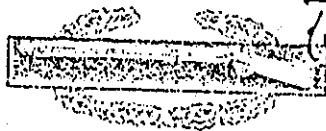
From the colorful insignia pages, through the fascinating early history of the airborne, the combat operations and unit histories, to the thorough coverage of the July, 1990 ceremonies, programs and unit activities, it is a superb account of what the airborne has meant to the United States and to each of us individually. It is worthy of the airborne men who served and suffered, and of those who died, all for their country.

Particularly striking was the gargantuan task assumed by Scott Garrett, Ph.D. in writing "Airborne Through the Ages." He accomplished it superbly.

I am grateful to you for the opportunity to contribute an account of the 11th Airborne Division's airborne operations in the Pacific Theater. It was pleasing, also, that you chose to use some of the photographs I supplied.

Col. James B. "Bull" Hendry and I are in frequent communication. We have discussed the book several times and we agree on the conclusions I have expressed. In that spirit he joins me in this letter.

Airborne Always,



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Fort Benning, GA • Camp Toccoa, GA • Camp Mackall, NC • Camp Polk, LA • Camp Stoneman, CA
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Fort Campbell, KY • Germany