

**Tom Marshall**

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**To:** Michael Sloniker  
**Subject:** RE: [bunker\_news] Vietnam Facts: Submitted by Eustace Home

I am open to your recommendations. Nothing is set in stone with me. If you have a particular person you would like, I'd be happy to contact them.

We have no one to talk about the 20<sup>th</sup> March.

I think it would be cool to show a short clip of film and audio regarding his 21 ARVN's. Then have Col. Johnson talk about what went on after he got the first load of ARVN's out on the 18<sup>th</sup>. They had one shot up, one shot down and finally rescued them later that day. Gen. Berry was on the radio with the pilot shot down and under attack.

I have given you the frame work of discussion, as I see it. Please tell me how to do it better?!

Tom

**From:** Michael Sloniker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2011 1:56 PM  
**To:** Tom Marshall  
**Cc:** Jim Fulbrook  
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Hammer 229 Roger Carter died around 2005.

What is you want about Roger Carter? We loaded all the data we could get from his widow onto the 174th website under Witchdoctor 5.

Al Esposito rescued Butch Elliot and crew.

He was from A 2-17 Cav. Condors, C 2-17 Cav under Maj Newman rescued Fujii's crew, missing him on 19 Mar 71.

You may want to lift your gaze and look for LS 719 2-17 Cav folks.

C 3-17 Cav is a very long story. When I put the order of battle together in 1994, I used the 101st AAR, which was written in haste, did not include a lot of units who FLEW INTO LAOS:

E 1-9 Cav, 1st Cav  
B 2-20 ARA 1st Cav  
235th AWC  
238th AWC

late (March) arrival of the 176th AHC,  
etc.

C 3-17 Cav kept Hwy 9 open with 1-5 Mech and was linked with the 101st Inf units around the hills off Khe Sahn (CPT Randy House for one, who was now commanding an Infantry company)

There was a lot of "they" bullshit until Ford found out I was "they." I explained the 101st AAR as a source, but it didn't matter to them. Mattered to me. From the work I have done they is a world of difference in the aviators who went across the fence Feb/Mar 1971 vice those who did not. Be that as it may, I updated an LS 719 history for Gary Roush with that troop in the order of battle. I explained it twice to them, yet they kept on firing out the emails. So, I would recommend when C 3-17 Cav makes reference to LS 719, just let them talk. Like the grunts used to say to me in 67-68, "it don't mean nuthin."

Mike

**From:** Tom Marshall <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Jim Fulbrook <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Mon, April 11, 2011 9:48:04 AM  
**Subject:** FW: [bunker\_news] Vietnam Facts: Submitted by Eustace Horne

Hi Mike,

The attached story "rings true."

Any validity there?

Regarding VHPA, History Session July 7

Speakers on the panel are:

Richard Johnson, Col. USA Ret. [REDACTED] (not final but probable)

Charleyhorse Tom Ford [REDACTED] Cav before, during and after, at QT (they are now in the movie credits)

Ghostrider Harold Smith Feb. 8, March 19 [REDACTED]

Phoenix Rick Scrugham Feb. 8, 20, March 5 [REDACTED]

Doug Womack Lolo

March 3 [REDACTED]

Pending: Bob Sander, Redskin Maintenance Officer, [REDACTED]

I tried to locate USAF FAC Hammer 229, left a message on their web page. With the March 19 audio, I thought it would be proper to invite him.

If you will serve as the moderator, leading the discussion, I'll work as a producer, to keep it on track time-wise. I have short evening news clips that were on ABC, CBS or NBC during Feb., March, 1971, to give pauses for each 15 to 20 minutes. Silent video from archive footage of Khe Sanh will be running while the discussion runs.

I will have a professional film and audio crew there at my expense. Hopefully, this can generate some documentary films.

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I fly to Nashville for Film - Com, a networking event for Hollywood types and film makers tomorrow. Return Saturday.

I'll send out copies of the movie to the listed participants next week, when I return.

I joined AAAA as a lifer this week. But I don't think I'll make Nashville next week. If I do, it will only be for a day and night.

Thanks!

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Colonel Bui tin

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> Back To Vietnam Facts

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> In a recent interview published in The Wall Street Journal, former Colonel

> Bui Tin who served on the general staff of the North Vietnamese Army and

> received the unconditional surrender of South Vietnam on April 30,1975,

> confirmed the American Tet 1968 military victory: "Our losses were  
> staggering and a complete surprise. Giap later told me that Tet had been a  
> military defeat, though we had gained the planned political advantages  
> when Johnson agreed to negotiate and did not run for reelection.  
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> The second and third waves in May and September were, in retrospect,  
> mistakes. Our forces in the South were nearly wiped out by all the  
> fighting in 1968. It took us until 1971 to reestablish our presence, but  
> we had to use North Vietnamese troops as local guerrillas. If the American  
> forces had not begun to withdraw under Nixon in 1969, they could have  
> punished us severely. We suffered badly in 1969 and 1970 as it was."  
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> On strategy: "If Johnson had granted Westmoreland's requests to enter Laos  
> and block the Ho Chi Minh trail, Hanoi could not have won the war. It was  
> the only way we could bring sufficient military power to bear on the  
> fighting in the South. Building and maintaining the trail was a huge  
> effort involving tens of thousands of soldiers, drivers, repair teams,  
> medical stations, communication units, etc. Our operations were never  
> compromised by attacks on the trail. At times, accurate B-52 strikes would  
> cause real damage, but we put so much in at the top of the trail that  
> enough men and weapons to prolong the war always came out the bottom. If  
> all the bombing had been concentrated at one time, it would have hurt our  
> efforts. But the bombing was expanded in slow stages under Johnson and it  
> didn't worry us. We had plenty of time to prepare alternative routes and  
> facilities. We always had stockpiles of rice ready to feed the people for  
> months if a harvest was damaged. The Soviets bought rice from Thailand for  
> us. And the left:  
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> "Support for the war from our rear was completely secure while the  
> American rear was vulnerable. Every day our leadership would listen to  
> world news over the radio at 9AM to follow the growth of the antiwar  
> movement. Visits to Hanoi by Jane Fonda and former Attorney General Ramsey  
> Clark and ministers gave us confidence that we should hold on in the face  
> of battlefield reverses. We were elated when Jane Fonda, wearing a red  
> Vietnamese dress, said at a press conference that she was ashamed of  
> American actions in the war and would struggle along with us ... those  
> people represented the conscience of America .... part of it's war-making  
> capability, and we were turning that power in our favor."  
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> Bui Tin went on to serve as the editor of the People's Daily, the Official  
> newspaper of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Disillusioned with the  
> reality of Vietnamese communism Bui Tin now lives in Paris.  
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> Rod Dunaway