

Tom

To: Gary Rossome
Cc: Michael Sloniker, ([REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Dennis Fujii

Hi Gary,

Would you please get me the contact info for Col. Patterson and his crewchief "Hogg." Melvin?

After my presentation to the Ghostriders, (which included a short video interview of Fujii in Las Vegas at VHPA), the crewchief came up to me in Colorado Springs (was that 2009?) and told me "only me and Col. Patterson know anything about that belt. I saw hundreds (of NVA infantry) in the open, running towards us, pointing at me with weapons down (in the lower hand.) They didn't shoot at me and I didn't shoot at them!"

The NVA wanted him out of there. His communication with the AC-130, the night before, calling "enemy in the perimeter, shoot up the perimeter!" took out the better part of a Regiment, the night Fujii spent on Ranger North.

Col. Lloyd, the Phoenix CO, got Fujii off Ranger North the first try, but were immediately shot down in flames on Ranger South. Mike has the contact info for Col. Lloyd. I have never met him. His AC, Capt. Nelson, my former platoon leader, was killed on March 5, at LZ Sophia.

Warrant Officers Butch Doan and Pat Mckeaney (Phoenix, C Co., 158th Avn. Btn.) got Nelson out of Ranger South, after Captains John Bottman and Don Davis got Lloyd and the crew off Ranger South. Doan and Mckeaney were badly shot up in the rotor mast by 23mm, barely making it to another firebase. All received Silver Stars at Khe Sanh. Fujii spent another night on Ranger South, before the Ghostriders got him out.

When Lloyd and Nelson crashed on Ranger south, it was under heavy artillery fire. A Vietnamese officer found Fujii standing in the LZ, stunned, and took him to a bunker.. Fujii thought he had been shot down back on Ranger North again. I have a film interview of him, saying, "he (the Vietnamese Officer) said you just came from there." Looking at Ranger North, being over run by NVA troops, Fujii said he took a radio and called "Golfball, the hill is theirs!" The FAC replied "roger that." Fighters came in and killed the swarming NVA on Ranger North as Fujii watched. That cost the NVA part of another Regiment. Fujii said "that was a sight to see."

Col. Patterson got Fujii out the next day. Rocky was his AC, a warrant. (Ghostriders, A Co., 158th Avn. Btn.) He confirmed they didn't take fire getting him out at the LS 719 History presentation last July, 2011.

I think Col. Lloyd can set the stage, for the story. The other Phoenix can add a lot to the seriousness and hopelessness on Ranger North.

It would be great if we could get one of the FAC's who was actually there, along with the AC-130 Spectre crew, to tell their side of the story, to officials.

Col. Patterson actually flew Fujii out of Ranger South, with his AC. It too was encircled by NVA.

I think the crewchief, Melvin, is critical. If he would tell authorities, what he said to me in Colorado Springs, he is the witness, getting him out of Ranger South. His story is critical to getting Fujii, the credit he so richly deserves. He confirmed to Col. Patterson they had him on board and flew back to Evans, then on to Camp Eagle, with him.

Phil, I will try to get you copies of the films with an explanatory letter, telling what I see as the relevance of each. Mike, I will copy you on everything.

Best wishes to all!

Tom Marshall

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From: Phil teresa Marshall [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Saturday, July 21, 2012 8:58 AM
To: Michael Sloniker
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Dennis Fujii

That would be great...thank you!

Phil Marshall

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From: Michael Sloniker < [REDACTED]>
To: Phil teresa Marshall < [REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 8:50 PM
Subject: Fw: Dennis Fujii

Phil, what do you want to do? This is good data. Tom needs an address.

Mike

— Forwarded Message —

From: Wtmjr < [REDACTED]>
To: Michael Sloniker < [REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 6:43 PM
Subject: Re: Dennis Fujii

Do you need me to forward copies of film dvd's of

My interview of fujii in Vegas

The 2011history presentation

My interview on film of col. Patterson and his crew chief at the ghost riders reunion in Oregon, 2010?

If so, get me a name and address for FedEx delivery

I can get it out by Thursday next week

Tom marshall

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 20, 2012, at 4:59 PM, Michael Sloniker <[REDACTED] wrote:

Tom Marshall C 158 and author of The Price of Exit has done some work with Fujii also. I am looking for it also in the garage. Outside temp is 105 so I going at it slowly. When I find the papers, will scan and send to meet your deadline.

Dennis was encouraged at a VFW or American Legion to pursue the upgrade. I have worked on five separate actions upgrading VN medals and knew the process. The cornerstone is witness statements. As I said in the previous email, the former ARVN were not accurate. Two of them who said they went into Laos were actually in the 5th ARVN Div where I was in III Corps and through the assistance for former civil servants in the Def Intel Agency's POW MIA office, were flushed out like quail hiding under a bush.

Mo Mojeski's rescue of the 174th Shark Crew in Lam Son 719:

<http://www.174ahc.org/mike-2.htm> Don't know which dustoff unit.

Fred Thompson's widow has given permission for his photos to be used. Just credit the family of Fred Thompson.

Going back to the garage.

Mike Sloniker

From: Phil teresa Marshall <
To: Michael Sloniker <
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 1:40 PM
Subject: Re: Dennis Fujii

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Dennis tells me that some of his comments to me were the first time he has related those things, so we shall see. Is the taped interview available?

Re: Curious Yellow, I think you will be pleased with what I was able to do with it in the book. I made a transcript of Hansen's presentation at our last reunion (and also videoed it). I am thinking of offering the video on disk to book purchasers for an extra buck or two. I spent several hours adding more photos that Hansen did not have access to and I think it came out rather well. Did I send a copy of the video to you?

There is more on the video than what I included in the book. What was left out of the book was superfluous to the mission but more germane to Roger Hill's family than the mission. BTW, the book does not have Chapters, it has Missions.

I hope to have the printed book in hand by late next week. The beauty of today's "Print on Demand" is that I can make any additions, corrections, etc. at any time, so anything else I find to add to, say, Fujii's story, it's no problem. The next printed copy will have the updates. So anything you can come up with whenever would be great.

Thanks again!

Phil

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