

2nd SQUADRON, 17th CAVALRY REGIMENT

B TROOP "Banshee"

15 July 1995

Former Members of B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment

SUBJECT: *Reunion of Screaming Eagles who served in B Troop*

For your information, the following former member of B Troop from the Aero-Rifle Platoon (Blues Infantry) is organizing a reunion:

Larry J. Allen

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Larry has been working hard to put together a reunion of former members of B Troop. He has attempted to contact a large group of "Banshee" troopers over the past six months. This letter is a follow-up letter to those whom Larry has been able to contact as well as to those who were not aware of the reunion.

The following information is provided about the reunion:

WHO: Former members of B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment
WHAT: Reunion
WHEN: Thursday through Sunday, 14 September - 17 September 1995
WHERE: Kokomo, Indiana
HOTEL: Ramada Inn
(317) 459-8001

Our reunion will be held in conjunction with the 13th Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion. This is the largest gathering of Vietnam veterans in America and the event will take place at the Kokomo-Speedway. Please contact Larry and let him know if you plan to attend. Also, contact the Ramada Inn to make your reservation as soon as possible because rooms will be scarce by this time. If you wish to camp out, Larry can provide you with information. In addition, he has had some T-shirts custom made for the Lift Platoon and Blues Platoon. If you want one, you will need to contact him soon before they are all gone. We will work on custom T-shirts for the Scout Platoon and Gun Platoon later.

A second T-shirt, different from the one Larry had made, is available through the current active duty B Troop at Fort Campbell. We can place an order with that

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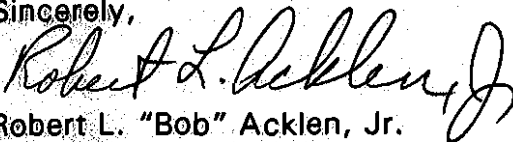
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unit and the T-shirts will be produced in about two months. For each T-shirt the cost will be about \$12.50, including shipping and handling. The T-shirt has the Banshee patch in full color printed on the front and a definition of a Banshee printed on the back. It is available only in adult sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large. For each XX-Large there is an additional charge of \$2.00 and for each XXX-Large there is an additional charge of \$4.00. The color of the T-shirt is gray. If you are interested in this T-shirt, contact Larry. Let him know what size and how many of each size you want. An order will be sent to B Troop when all of the T-shirts have been paid for in advance.

In the future, we plan to produce a mini regimental flag. This flag will be made in Clarksville, TN off post for about \$35.00. It is made by machine and ready to frame. If you want it framed, the company will do that for an additional charge. Some of you may be interested in a reproduction of the Banshee patch like the one we received in Vietnam. We will work on that later, as well as reproductions of the patch the Scout Platoon wore. However, in order to reproduce the Scout patch, we need an original one in mint or good condition to use as an example. If anyone has an original Scout Platoon patch in mint or good condition that we can use, please let me know. My address and phone number are at the bottom of this letter. Further, for those who want a reproduction of the Lift Platoon scroll or the Blues Platoon scroll, we need an original one in mint or good condition to use as an example. After color photocopies have been made, the patch will be returned.

Enclosed is a "B Troop Member Information Form" and a "B Troop Roster" of former members. In case mistakes were made in the spelling of your name, address, or phone, please use the form to make corrections and return it to me. Make copies of the form to give to other B Troop members who are not on the roster so I can include them. The roster was last updated about two years ago.

Sincerely,



Robert L. "Bob" Acklen, Jr.
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Enclosures:

1. B Troop Member Information Form
2. B Troop Roster