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Reunion 2010



Time is drawing near for Reunion 2010, coming up on 19 to 22 August at Reno, Nevada. Coordinator for the reunion is Tim Miller (D/6-31 Vietnam). Please register now so Tim can arrange transportation for the tours and order the number of meals needed for the banquet. Our host location is the **Atlantis Casino Resort**, 3800 S. Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502. Your room rate is \$105.00/night, but the Atlantis is offering a special rate of \$59.00/night for one week before and one week after the scheduled reunion dates. Phone (800) 723-6500 for reservations and tell them you're with the 31st Infantry Regiment Association. The hotel provides a no cost shuttle service to and from Reno Airport and will also

provide shuttles from the bus terminal and Amtrak station.

Optional tours and activities planned for the reunion include:

- Thursday, early arrival afternoon shopping trip
- Thursday evening Dinner Cruise on Lake Tahoe
- Friday, all day tour of Carson City, Genoa (Ft Mormon Station) and Virginia City
- Friday evening, a deviation from our usual schedule, we will hold the 31st Infantry Regiment Association Memorial Service in the late afternoon after our tour concludes.
- Saturday morning is our Annual General Membership Business meeting. Be there for the drawing of "grand prizes". Only those attending the business meeting are eligible.
- Saturday evening the banquet and Shanghai Bowl Ceremony.

Attached you will find a registration form. Please comply with the attendance commitment and return your registration not later than 19 July 2010. Your early registration facilitates our planning process and allows us to ensure that transportation and admittance tickets are purchased in advance for the optional tours. If you register after the commitment date we may not be able to honor your request for the tours.

Future Reunions

At our 2009 membership meeting at Watertown, the Association reaffirmed an earlier vote to hold **Reunion 2011 at Columbus, Georgia**. Reunion 2011 at Columbus will allow us to dedicate our memorial at the new National Infantry Museum. We'll hold **Reunion 2012 at Washington, DC** and consideration is being given to holding **Reunion 2013 at Dayton, Ohio**.

A Note About our Regimental History

I haven't gotten much feedback on enriching our regimental history with your personal recollections of what happened at places like Jane Russell Hill, the Hwachon Reservoir, Triangle Hill, and Pork Chop Hill. In writing the history, I learn what I can from the National Archives, from battle rosters and casualty lists, and from the previous work of authors who published books about the regiment's experience in Siberia, Bataan, Korea, or Vietnam. Those provide context for the regiment's experience but much of the detail reflecting the regiment's human face comes from the personal stories of those who served. Please continue to send me your accounts of what happened during your time in the 31st and I will endeavor to get your story into print for you on our web site, in the newsletter and hopefully a book in the Association's name. I particularly need more detail on events between 1951 and 1953 in Korea and the 4th Battalion's experience in Vietnam through 1971. Karl Lowe (D/6th Bn, Vietnam, 1970)

Combat in Korea



This is the 25th in our series on combat in Korea. In our previous edition, the Chinese spring offensive failed and Chinese forces were being driven back up the peninsula. The saga continues...

After nearly two months in reserve, the 7th Division returned to the front line on August 7, 1951. It took two days to relieve the 24th Infantry Division due to conditions that could charitably be called miserable. Fall rains had again turned central Korea's highlands to mud. Streams winding their way swiftly down mountain valleys brought flooding everywhere. Bridges were washed out and the constant rain, mixed with morning mists made it difficult to operate. On August 26, the division conducted a series of limited objective attacks to establish patrol bases in front of Line Wyoming. The attacks were also intended to break up a Chinese buildup along the Pukhan River. To gain information, the division's probing attacks established new outposts from which constant patrols could gather new information on enemy dispositions. The Chinese did not sit back and take the attacks lightly. They responded with probing attacks of their own to try to regain hills they lost.

On September 21, Operation Cleaver, a fast-moving tank-infantry raid, was launched against the eastern end of the Iron Triangle. The attack had its intended effect, but the steep terrain in that part of Korea creates obstacles more effective than any the enemy could construct. In the end, the raid didn't have much effect on the shape of the front line. On October 5, the 7th Division went back into reserve, remaining there throughout most of the month. On October 23, the division went back on line, rejoining X Corps to relieve the 2d Infantry Division northeast of the Hwachon Reservoir. Along Line Minnesota, the division concentrated on improving its positions, building bunkers and communications trenches to protect against a renewed Chinese offensive. The give and take along the line took its toll a few men at a time. Patrols went out, sometimes getting ambushed and sometimes ambushing Chinese patrols or raiding their bunkers. The Chinese did the same, probing constantly for weak spots and periodically sending out larger units in attempts to breach the UN line. The war was settling down to the kind of trench warfare that a previous generation of Americans had fought in France in 1918.

During January 1952, the 31st Infantry held the left half of the 7th Infantry Division's sector. The Columbian Battalion joined the regiment near the end of the month. Patrol actions continued until February 5, when the regiment went into reserve. On February 23, the 7th Division was relieved on line by the 25th Division and returned to IX Corps control near Taegong-ni. Regimental and battalion exercises were conducted until March 17 when the 31st Infantry was detached to provide rear area security for X Corps.

On February 1, 1952, F Company's attack on an enemy bunker complex was repulsed, leaving three wounded men stranded under heavy enemy fire. First Lieutenant Isidro G. Urbano of Lane, California, G Company's Executive Officer, organized a litter team to rescue the wounded soldiers. Despite continuing mortar and small arms fire, Urbano led his team to the bunker's vicinity to rescue the wounded. As the team was treating the first casualty, they heard a faint call for help from another. Under protective fire from his team, Lieutenant Urbano rushed to the wounded man, administered first aid, and carried him to protective cover. Disregarding enemy fire, he rushed back to the bunker to retrieve the third man, a rifleman who had been killed, but no one could be sure at the time. For his heroism, was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. The award in no way matched the esteem in his troops who revere him still. He was killed in action on September 18, 1952 while Company.



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The 4th Battalion 1965-1971



This is the sixth in a series on the 4th Battalion, addressing its role in Vietnam. It is a series in the newsletter like those that covered combat in Siberia, Bataan, and Korea in earlier editions. In our previous edition, the 4th Battalion was engaged in operations northeast of Tay Ninh. The saga continues as Operation Junction City begins....

Intelligence locating the Viet Cong's main political and military headquarters, the Central Office for South Viet Nam (COSVN) near the Cambodian border prompted an operation called Junction City.¹ Initiated on February 22, it

¹ Junction City, initiated by the US 1st Infantry Division from forward bases at An Loc, Quan Loi, and Loc Ninh, was named after the town in Kansas adjacent to the division's home station, Fort Riley.

became the largest operation of the war, eventually involving 25,000 troops from the US 1st, 4th, and 25th Infantry Divisions, 173rd Airborne and 196th Light Infantry Brigades, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and the RVN 5th Division. By the time the operation ended, 2728 enemy soldiers had been killed, as had 282 Americans. The 4-31st Infantry's principal role in the operation was to conduct airmobile assaults from the town of Soui Da to interdict enemy troop movements. Hopping into a new landing zone every three to four days was risky business, but it limited enemy freedom of action along the border.



Lifted out of Tay Ninh on February 21, the Polar Bears reassembled at Soui Da, 20 kilometers to the northeast. Northeast of the town were the remains of abandoned villages along Highway 13, which crossed the Saigon River and led to the Minh Thanh Rubber Plantation in adjacent Binh Long Province. There, units of the 1st Infantry Division had also begun assembling. To the southeast, Highway 19, a dirt road, led to Dau Tieng and the Michelin Rubber Plantation where units of the 4th and 25th Infantry Divisions assembled. To the northwest, Provincial Highway 243 traversed rice fields skirting Nui Ba Den's (Black Virgin Mountain) eastern slope to connect with Provincial Route 4, which ran straight north past an old French fort to the Cambodian border. Adjacent to Highways 4, 13, and 19 were dense double and triple canopy forests in which the Viet

Cong took advantage of the clay soil to construct a maze of underground tunnels linking bases built above and below ground under the canopy near streams and ponds.

During a reconnaissance north of Suoi Da, Second Lieutenant Owen R. Emery (Cuyahoga Falls, OH) and Staff Sergeant Paul L. Stewart (Lowell, MA) were killed when their platoon encountered an enemy force of undetermined size. The next day, B Company again found the enemy, while searching an area that had remained undiscovered during previous operations. Configured in a V-shape, the enemy position was an ambush waiting to happen. As B Company's lead platoon neared two large log and earth bunkers near the apex of the V, they came under fire from several directions at once. Specialist John L. Bylon (Chicago, IL), Sergeant James A. Masten (Columbia, NJ), Specialist Martin M. Mugavin (Cincinnati, OH) were killed and a fourth man was wounded in the ensuing firefight. Under the covering fire of artillery and air strikes, the platoon pulled out its dead and wounded and withdrew to safer ground.

That afternoon, A Company spotted and fired on three enemy soldiers. They had been guarding a large way station consisting of 180 bunkers and 6 huts in an enclosed clearing. Blocks of composition C-4, blasting caps, detonation cord, and a Zippo lighter were all it took to render the position useless. It made no sense to stay, since the enemy now knew A Company's location and could easily cut them off in the jungle during the night. By nightfall, A Company was back at Soui Da.

On the morning of February 24, B Company resumed its search just a short distance from where it had encountered the enemy the day before. Finding a large, active base area, Captain James G. Leckey, the Company Commander, called in air strikes and artillery that continued for most of the day. Around the same time, A Company found and destroyed 13 pallets of supplies. Soon afterward, sniper fire began dogging the company as it continued its search. C Company, operating nearby, joined forces with A Company to help flush out the snipers. Three men were wounded and one, SFC Felicisimo A. Hugo (Wahiawa, HI) of A Company, was killed amid sporadic eruptions of gunfire as the two sides probed at each other in the humid, gloomy forest.

The following day, sniping continued, initially to no effect. Around noon, the exchange of fire became more intense. A Company engaged a platoon-sized force in bunkers that were well concealed amid the dense jungle foliage. In the ensuing firefight, one man was killed and three were wounded. One later died of his wounds.² Artillery fire was brought in to allow A Company to pull back from the contact area and evacuate its casualties. That afternoon, C Company was operating just east of A Company when it discovered a bicycle repair shop in the jungle. Bicycles, used to transport supplies down the Ho Chi Minh trail from North Vietnam, were as important to the VC as airplanes and ships were to the US. An enemy platoon watched and waited for the opportunity to strike as the company searched the area.

² The dead men were PFC Richard L. Boltz (Ridgefield Park, NJ) and PFC David C. Holden (Jamaica Plain, MA). Both were 22 years old.

When the firefight came, three of C Company's men were killed and six were wounded, but the company pressed the attack.³ Thirteen VC were found dead in the forest and their surviving comrades had fled.

The 6th Battalion 1967-1970



This is the sixth in a series on the 6th Battalion, addressing its early combat actions in Vietnam. Like the articles on Korea and the 4th Battalion, this will be a continuing series in the newsletter. In our previous edition, the 6th Battalion had landed near a cluster of refugee settlements south of Saigon to counter a VC offensive that had captured Cholon, sprawling suburb inhabited mainly by ethnic Chinese. The saga continues...

The Bearcats spent the first night watching burning villages from cold, wet paddies. Just after daybreak, B Company, attached to Lieutenant Colonel Joe DeLuca's 3-39th Infantry, moved to DeLuca's command post (CP) aboard A/5-60th Infantry's APCs. Fires raged along the canal road, producing a corridor of heat and smoke through which the tracks sped. Casualties from the night before were awaiting evacuation at the 3-39th's Aid Station as the APCs reached the command post. Specialist Bill Sirtola would later write; "The sounds of shooting, smoke from the burning buildings, and the sight of wounded being worked on drove home the reality of what we were getting into." A rocket-propelled grenade streaked overhead as Captain Eckman entered the pagoda serving as the 3-39th's CP.

DeLuca wanted Eckman to reinforce a police post that had been attacked earlier that morning. To reach it,



Eckman's company would have to pass under the south end of the Y Bridge (Cau Chu Y)⁴, move east along the canal, then turn south down a side street to a settlement on the west bank of the Rach Ong Lon. The police outpost was inside the settlement. DeLuca drew a hasty sketch map because he had no maps detailing the area's maze of roads, canals, and tributaries. B Company was getting ready to move when the police post reported it was under attack. While helicopter gunships suppressed enemy fire, a utility helicopter landed inside the outpost to resupply its defenders.

Lieutenant Carlton Blacker's 3rd Platoon led the way, accompanied by Captain Eckman's command group. As the move began, Eckman's thoughts flashed back to Fort Lewis when Joe Schmalhorst and his company commanders had toured training facilities on the mist-shrouded fingers of Mount Ranier. At the post's Combat In Cities course, Eckman had commented, "Sir, we fought in grass-hut complexes in Vietnam, but never in cities." The other captains all agreed. They decided not to waste time training on combat in cities, focusing instead on getting ready for the rice-paddy war they knew. Fast forward to Saigon; "We're under the control of another battalion, we don't have maps, and we're headed for some big-time combat in a big city. Damn!"

In the early afternoon, B Company linked up with ARVN Rangers at the end of the road leading to the police outpost. Lieutenant Blacker's platoon, still in the lead, cautiously moved ahead, clearing houses on both sides of the street until they took fire about 100 yards short of the outpost. Eckman tried to direct the action from a rooftop but an RPG streaking past him persuaded him to get back down to the street. Sergeant David B. Leader, a squad leader in the 3rd Platoon, was unexpectedly joined by a diminutive French female reporter on a motor scooter as his squad returned fire and attempted to maneuver. She was deep in harm's way but stuck to the platoon throughout the fight, although she spoke no English and Leader's men spoke no French.

Leader's squad took cover behind a cement building, catching their breath while contemplating their next move. Leader took his helmet off and was sliding down the wall to a squatting position when a bullet struck the wall where his head had just been. One of his team leaders, an engineer named Artie L. Bible, who became an involuntary infantryman

³ The dead were PFC Johnnie F. Barchak, Jr. (San Antonio, TX), PFC Michael L. Myers (Detroit, MI), and PFC John T. Wetzel (Buchanan, MI). Barchak and Myers were 21 and Wetzel was 20.

⁴ The Y Bridge is named for its unique split. After crossing the Kinh Doi, it forms a Y, with its left branch going onto a heavily populated island and the right branch crossing the Tau Hu Canal into central Saigon.

when the battalion was formed, began screaming and rolling on the ground with a bullet fragment in his back. Luckily, his wound turned out to be less damaging than his reaction suggested.

Lieutenant Blacker led Leader's squad down an alley and found the sniper's lair. Throwing hand grenades and pouring small-arms fire into the house, Leader's squad ended the sniper's life. When a second sniper fired from the other end of the alley, Blacker decided to withdraw his men to the main street where cement houses could provide better cover but a third sniper hemmed them in from behind. Tossing a smoke grenade toward the alley's far end, Blacker directed a fortuitously available Cobra helicopter gunship against the snipers. The Cobra shot up the first house with rockets, followed with the mini-gun and grenade launcher in its chin turret, then swung around and shot up the building at the other end of the alley, flushing one of the snipers into the open. The VC attempted to flee down a side street but didn't get far. Leader shot him dead from 20 feet away.

B Company established positions in and around the police post as night fell. Sergeant Kenneth R. Davis's squad moved into a darkened jail cell. A row of man-sized cement slabs were outlined by troughs into which chained prisoners could relieve themselves. Suddenly, shrapnel from artillery fire tore through the room's tin roof, injuring one of Davis's machine gunners. Sergeant Leader and his squad crouched behind 55-gallon drums filled with rubble from half-demolished houses. The barrage continued for over an hour. After each explosion, shrapnel and debris came raining down. One piece hit Leader above the knee as he crouched behind a barrel but struck him with its flat side and left only a bruise. Whether a bruise or worse, Leader learned there is no such thing as friendly fire, particularly if it is coming from several miles away and you have no way to get it stopped. It was not clear who was adjusting the artillery or who called for it but it was not anyone from B Company.

That evening, C Company was flown back to Fire Base Smoke from a fruitless night operation in nearby Long An Province. As men lined up for the evening meal, Smoke was mortared. Captain Bill Owen recalls: "The VC did a super job of breaking up the dinner party. I was amazed that no one killed themselves trying to find something to hide behind or under. The only thing louder than the explosions was the sergeant major screaming at people to get down."

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31st Infantry Regiment Association 2010 Atlantis Resort and Casino, Reno, NV Reunion Registration Form

(Registration fee of \$ 30.00 is required for all members and guests)

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Guest: _____

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Phone Number home _____ work/cell _____

Company/Unit of the 31st Inf _____ Where _____ When _____

Are you a member of the 31st Infantry Regiment Association **YES NO**

Are you interested in becoming a member of the 31st Infantry Regiment Association **YES NO**

Events (optional)

Thurs, 08/19 early arrival afternoon shopping tour of Scheels and Cabelas

\$10.00 x _____ (# participants) \$ _____

Thurs, 08/19 Dinner Cruise Emerald Bay, Lake Tahoe

\$55.00 x _____ (# participants) \$ _____

Fri, 08/20 All day tour: Carson City, Genoa and Virginia City

\$25.00 x _____ (# participants) \$ _____

Tour costs are per person, and include bus transportation, and entry fees - advance registration is requested

Banquet – Saturday Evening August 21 \$50.00 x _____ (# participants) \$ _____

Banquet fee is per person, and includes Casino buffet style dinner, entertainment and dancing.
Business Casual to Formal Dress is appropriate. Cash Bar

Reunion Registration (Required) \$30.00 x _____ (# participants) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Registration Deadline is July 19, 2010

Make checks payable to: **31st Infantry Regiment Association**

Mail check and registration form to:

Joseph DeAngelis

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New Members

We're pleased to welcome the following new members:

James P Cianciolo	SGT, D/4 th Bn, Vietnam 1966-67	Port St Lucie, FL
Clyde M Hardman	SGT, D/6 th Bn, Vietnam 1968-69	Pleasant NY
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Taps

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31 st Infantry Regiment Association Bumper Sticker w/campaigns	\$ 3.00	X _____	= _____
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Where did you serve with the 31st?	When?
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