



'No Slack' history

The history of the 327th Infantry's 2nd 'No Slack' Battalion began on August 5, 1917 with the unit's inception as Company B, 327th Infantry, 82nd Division.

The unit distinguished itself in the Lorraine, and Meuse-Argonne St. Miheil Campaigns.

With the defeat of the Axis Powers, the 327th was deactivated and, in 1921, became part of the Army's Organized Reserves.

World War II required that the unit again enter active service. Relieved from its assignment to the 82nd Airborne Division, the 327th Infantry was reassigned to the 101st Airborne Division. The unit, later to evolve into the "No Slack" battalion, was designated as Company B, 327th Glider Infantry.

The integral role played by the 327th in the European Campaigns of Normandy, Ardennes-Alsace, Rhineland and Central Europe, greatly augmented the unit's already commendable combat record. The special tenacity shown at the Battle of Bastogne was honored with a Unit Citation and the designation of the 327th as the "Bastogne Bulldogs".

The liberated nations paid tribute to the "Bulldogs" by awarding the following decorations: the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, streamer embroidered NORMANDY; the Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 with Palm, streamer embroidered BASTOGNE; the Belgian Fourragere 1940; and the Netherlands Orange Lanyard.

When the 327th Infantry arrived in Vietnam in June 1965, the original Company B had become a full-fledged battalion.

The 2nd of the 327th's initial mission was, as a part of 1st Brigade, to provide security for the growing, bustling port of Cam Ranh Bay. Later that year the "No Slack" battalion became

involved in securing the city of An Khe, as well as the strategic An Khe Pass, access route to the Central Highlands where the 1st Cavalry Division would soon conduct extensive airmobile operations.

During 1966 and continuing into the next year, the battalion conducted continuous combat operations in four provinces northwest of Cam Ranh Bay in II Military Region. Working in Viet Cong and NVA infested terrain which varied from the flat, humid rice paddies of Tuy Hoa Province to the steep, highland jungles of Kontum, the 2/327 developed an awesome reputation as a "No Slack" combat unit.

Because of the outstanding results of its operations in II Military Region, the unit was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation, streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1965-1966, as well as being honored with a Valorous Unit Award, streamer embroidered TUY HOA.

The Tet Offensive of 1968 brought the "No Slack" battalion to I Military Region, in support of Marine headquarters responsible for the defense of Hue. The battalion initiated extensive search-and-destroy missions, and proved the decisive force in denying the enemy access to the old Imperial Capital.

Beginning in 1969 and continuing to the present, "No Slack's" role was modified. The unit's mission became that of providing highway and village security in Phu Loc District, in addition to organizing and implementing a comprehensive pacification program. The battalion's recent Civil Actions Award testifies to the fact that the 2/327th's "No Slack Spirit" is far from becoming a dying tradition, but continues to influence the battalion's each and every mission.

The 2nd Bn. (Ambl.), 327th Inf. is currently under the command of Lt. Col. Edward F. Pickett. The battalion's command sergeant major is Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Robert C. Exxenrod, Jr.

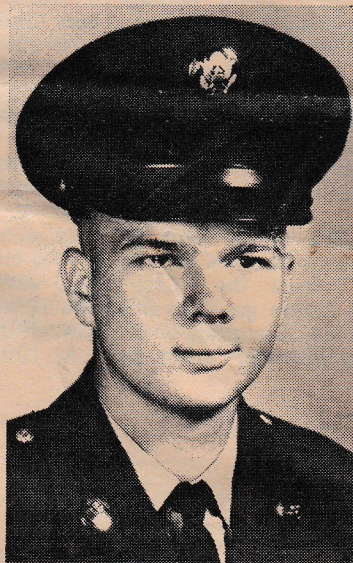
The Medal of Honor

This the sixth in a series devoted to the stories of Medal of Honor winners in the 101st.

Pfc. Milton A. Lee was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor April 7, 1970 for his actions near Phu Bai while serving as the radio telephone operator (RTO) with the 3rd Plt., Co. B, 2nd Bn. (Ambl.), 502nd Inf.

On April 26, 1968, the 3rd platoon received heavy fire from a well-entrenched enemy force, suffering 50 per cent casualties in the initial burst of enemy fire. As the platoon maneuvered to a positions of cover to treat the injured and reorganize, Pfc. Lee moved through the enemy fire administering first aid to the wounded. In the subsequent attack against the enemy position, Lee observed four NVA soldiers with automatic weapons and a rocket launcher lying in wait for the lead element of the platoon.

As the lead element moved forward Lee passed his radio to a fellow soldier and single-handedly overran the enemy position, killing all occupants and capturing five



Pfc. Milton A. Lee

2/17th score

CAMP EAGLE -- In two days the 2/17th scored a high score in its sorties air cavalry and 101st pounded anti-air, eastern bunker positions in miles

RF quick to learn trick of precision CA

LANG CO -- A quarter mile stretch of highway QL-1 was devoid of traffic early in the morning while a flight of helicopters picked up a platoon of Regional Forces near here recently.

The troops were being combat assaulted, along with their three Screaming Eagle advisors, to the lowland near Hoy Mit for a day patrol the area. The combat patrol (CA) was part of the assault, designed to train the troops to take over a larger role in defense of the country.

The three Americans and their interpreters are all members of Mobile Training Team No. 9, 2nd Bn. (Ambl.), 327th Inf. whose task it is to help the RFs become more efficient in their field operations.

"For the most part now all we do is tag along with them," Sergeant William Guild, Newhall, Calif., said. "The platoon knows what it has to do for the

LOW HOVER -- A CH-47 prior to descending upon west-southwest of Hue. Force" troopers of the 2nd Bn. (Ambl.), 327th Inf. (U)

RVN reunion Dad-son

CAMP EAGLE -- "Hi, I'm 101st Airborne Division serving together."

With these words Pfc. Romaine Master Sergeant Romaine Military Region and both would come soon.

Father and son are now serving together. Sergeant Wick is operating element in the division tactical third tour in Vietnam, he has in addition to various positions.

When asked his reaction assigned to the 101st at Camp surprised and very happy. "Here, but never in my wild assigned to the same division," I called Dad from the Campbell," remarked Pfc. 2nd Sqdn., 17th Cav. "He and I are both very happy to be serving together."

Sgt. Wick says he also