



**328th Radio Research Company/Detachment
AFTER ACTION REPORT SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2011**

ROLL CALL:

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Lauren & Mary Ann Taylor
Dallas & Ann Vibbert
Glenda Hales & Joy Thrash

DAY ONE:

Thursday, 8 September, 2011

This was the reporting date to all members of the reunion to our Base Camp of Comfort Suites, Carlisle. Because we were ASA and not in Vietnam (so my recruiter said) and a secret organization, the Base Camp was hard to find for some of our attendees. The rain (Monsoon) did not assist in locating the facility and some attendees were delayed in arriving or not able to even attend. A big **THANK YOU** to Al Ferguson who went above and beyond the call of duty by going and picking up some attendees who were stranded and unable to travel to Carlisle. (This was his second occasion of going above and beyond the call of duty that day.) The people who were able to make it in early to Base Camp Comfort Suites were seen sharing memories and pictures from years gone by. It was also interesting seeing friends reuniting for the first time after 40 years or more.

As was mentioned earlier, the area was inundated with rain from Tropical Storm Lee. This storm did cause some of our Saturday scheduled activities to be cancelled as the locations were closed due to flooding. With this challenge before us Al Ferguson and Alan Kershner stepped up and assisted in planning and rescheduling activities for Saturday. Both of these gentlemen did a great job and we were able to keep going. We must not forget that some of our attendees went through Typhoon Hester so a Tropical Storm is only a minor event.

DAY TWO:**Friday, 9 September 2011**

The day started out with many of our members even from different eras seen together again enjoying good fellowship and companionship at the breakfast tables. The day consisted of a trip and tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield, Visitor's Center where we saw a movie, Cyclorama, museum and gift shop. The rain was again present but we were still able to get off from the busses a couple of times to see areas of importance around the battlefield. This evening we enjoyed a good meal in our hospitality room. After the meal we were joined by our special guest speaker, the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln (Jim Getty) who kept our group engrossed in his presentation about his life and he also did a great presentation of the Gettysburg Address. He took time to answer questions from the group and posed for pictures afterwards.

DAY THREE:**Saturday, 10 September 2011**

After breakfast at the hotel, our day consisted of a tour of the U.S. Army Heritage Museum where there were displays both inside and outside the main building. The outside display that attracted the most attention was a replica of a Vietnam firebase. This display had a full sized "hootch", guard tower, artillery pieces and bunkers. The wives that went to this display asked many vets about the buildings and "hootch" so they had a better understanding of what we lived in when in Vietnam. This hootch had lap siding and a concrete floor, as far as anybody could remember this "upgrade" was not in Chu Lai or DaNang. Then it was off for lunch at the Capitol City Mall and again vets from different time frames were having lunch with each other. The National Civil War Museum was our next stop and from many indications this tour was well received. Our bus drivers took us on a short tour of the flooded areas of Harrisburg showing us how far the river had gone outside its banks and some of the damage this flood had caused the area. After this tour it was back to the hotel to freshen up for the banquet. A professional photographer from Revelation Photography (www.revelationphotostudio.com) took group pictures of the vets and one of the vets and their spouses/guests.

A short business meeting was held where we thanked those that helped with the reunion, discussed locations for future reunions as well as the possibility of having an "off year" get together in a smaller city. Sue and I will investigate the "off year" get together further as there was a definite interest of the attendees. The "off year" concept would be that we could get a lower hotel room rate and group rates at local points of interest. There would be a Hospitality Room but no banquet, we would just get together and attend fewer activities. Recognized were Glenda Hales and Joy Thrash who attended to represent James Hales who was with the 328th in 1968 but passed away in 2003. Also recognized was Tim Darrah who replaced Dallas Vibbert as CO of the 328th in DaNang. We had a moment of silence for all of our brothers that have passed away. After the banquet meal George Natt presented copies of the book "The Most Secret War, Army Signals Intelligence in Vietnam" to Herb Tuttle, Dallas Vibbert, Tommy Adkins, Tom Heiser and Dale Lawrence. Two books were raffled off and won by Steve Henley and John Hickey. Sue Heiser was presented a beautiful orchid flower for her work on the reunions. There was a presentation by Michael Bigelow (Lt Col. ret) the Command Historian of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) History Office. He handed out copies of the information, "Facts and Faces 328th Radio Research Company" that was based on Annual Unit Histories FY 67-FY 72 as well as a U.S. Army Intelligence Survey Questionnaire for participants to voluntarily fill out and return to him.

After this presentation he did answer many questions and spoke to some of the vets to gather more information for his research and records. Al & Kien Ferguson provided Hershey candy bars as we were not able to go to Hershey World due to the flooding so they brought Hershey World to us.

It was then time to say goodbye to old friends and new friends until the next reunion. Many new friendships were made and old ones started anew. An interesting thing is that even though almost 40 years have gone by many conversations started where they left off when we left Vietnam.

Hope you will be able to attend any and all future reunions.

Tom & Sue Heiser

328th Radio Research Reunion Co-Chairs