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>From: "Bob Hudson Communications" <bhc@bobhudson.com>
>To: <charlesh@columbiacable.net>
>Sent: Friday, September 21, 2001 5:05 PM
>Subject: 458th PBR

Hi:

I am trying to gather some information about the 458th Transportation Company, in particular in relation to events involving Jim Kasanos as described on the website at <http://www.spiritone.com/~pazuu/pow-mia/jimmy.htm>

I met Kasanos when I was an aide to a member of the House Armed Services Committee and over the years have followed his trials with the VA. If someone can lend any validity to the story on that website, it might be of some assistance to him.

>Bob, I am in contact with about fifty former 458th members, have passed your request on to them.

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>Personally I think this guy is full of crap to say the least, odd but I was at Fort Ord during the same time as he was.

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>The crap about barges and shot up vehicles is strictly bullshit.

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>Peter Sellars was a commanding officer at one time of the 458th, however this information has been on my web page for over four years.

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>Lee Helle

Thanks Lee:

He is one of those people full of fanciful tales and often hard to tell what is and what ain't, but since he's now dying of kidney problems he claims are related to Army service I thought I'd take one last stab at seeing if there's anyone out there who could in the least way support anything he's said. I know from my Congressional experience that the VA's main job seems to be to figure out ways to turn away people.

Bob

Subj: Looking for info about an incident on the USS Repose, possibly April 68
Date: 7/31/01 12:48:14 AM Mountain Daylight Time
From: Michele.McAleer@mail.house.gov (McAleer, Michele)

Hi everyone,

My name is Michele McAleer, and I am a veterans caseworker in Salem, Oregon, and I am trying to assist a veteran with some VA issues. The veteran, James "Jimmy" Kasanos was a patient aboard the USS Repose, he believes in April, 1968, and is looking for any information available about a possible explosion and fire.

He believes the fire was on the aft deck, near the fantail, and that soldiers were being evacuated into lifeboats (for those of you that I have written individually, please forgive the repetition ;). James was a patient in the psych ward, or "lock-up" as he called it, and would have been there after being brought in from the 458th Transportation Co (river boats), and may have had extensive issues ranging from an assault in basic training to deaths witnessed while in Vietnam.

James recalls being let out of his cell, and assisting a Ltcdr Sears with helping patients into lifeboats. During the incident, he claims that a Marine, poss named Al Capone (of Dominican descent) was being brought out by two corpsman, when he broke loose and ran back in the ship. He claims that he was the person who ran back in after him, and got him out of the ship, but when he has tried to research the incident, he can find no record of it. He says that his memory of the date is a little fuzzy, but the incident is clear, and he would greatly appreciate any info that any of you could provide.

Thank you all, for taking the time to read this, and for your service, especially. I was an Army medic myself (91-95), and I really enjoy the opportunity to help another veteran. I look forward to hearing from all of you,

Michele

James Jr

I became aware of your Dad a year ago through the efforts of Bob Hudson who was attempting to help your father. Bob sent me this URL <http://www.spiritone.com/~pazuu/pow-mia/jimmy.htm> which has some of the stories your fathers claims as true. I polled all former 458th members on the net and none remembered your father or the incidents he mention. All former members came to one conclusion. Lies!

At the time Pete Sellers had not joined the group, however Pete has now read all emails and visited the above URL. I am sure you will be hearing from him very soon.

I was the 458th supply sgt for two years, As for your father being close to death. This I feel sorry about, however a year ago I received a report that he was near death then. If you believe any of the stories your father claims as true then you are a fool and know nothing of the military. In the military events can be covered up, but you can not stop enlisted men from talking. Any such stories as these would have sparked a ton of rumors.

I was stationed at FT Ord the same time as your father claims to have been, the stories about Ft Ord are more bullshit.

There is more than some doubt in my mind that your father was ever in the 458th. Do you have any proof? military records, even a picture of him with any 458th equipment?

If you dislike my barnyard language, that's tough as I'm nothing but a old country hick.

Lee Helle

----- Original Message -----

From: "James Kasanos" <jkasanos@yahoo.com>

To: "charlesh" <charlesh@columbiacable.net>

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2002 6:27 PM

Subject: Re: The blackmarketing of the 458th BOAT COMP 1967/66

> James Kasanos Jr.

> charlesh wrote:I'm not sure who you are, but the hostility that radiates from your message is more than enough for me.

Lt Sellers happens to be a rather sick person and I will not bother him, by passing your message on to him.

I am sending a copy of your message to other former members, perhaps some one might know you.

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I know nothing about the payroll incident you mention, however I am very sure it resulted in no monetary loss to you.

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- > When you say black-market activity is why the Army does not have more
- > records, I personally think you are full of shit
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- > Vietnam was a long time ago, I would suggest you bury past grievances and
- > get on with your life

From: "James Kasanos" <jkasanos@yahoo.com>
To: <charlesh@columbiacable.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2002 10:18 AM
Subject: The blackmarketing of the 458th BOAT COMP 1967/68

> I was in the 458th "6768" I would like to find someone like First: Lt, Sellers. I hoped that SGT; Jack Canada is ALIVE to pay his dues that are over due as to the theft of are unit payroll in 67 in the sum of thirty seven thousand dollars that went to his new house in V.A. Beach V.A. and his new 1968 Buick two door black and red ride, that I saw with my own eyes as he drove on to the base at Fort Story V.A. AS we went with out! in Vietnam The Army did nothing? To Canada. He was a bastard then, and if he is still alive? would be the same kind of person today!! he has no humman kindness or feeling's! Sellers on the other hand knows about this but had no one to back him with all of the red necks that were running a scam on the Army and the people of SouthVietnam. Some came back to the world very rich the reason that the Army dose not read the 458th records is due to the History of the blackmarketing of the 458th Boat Comp; to the rest of the world. there is more to the story. but that is just a small amount/.for now that I have recorded and is on Federal file: with the ASIA/V.A./FBI/STILL NEED MORE DATA/ as to" Honeycutt " WHO WAS A Second LT. at the time

Lee Helle

- > ----- Original Message -----
- > From: "James Kasanos"
- > To:
- > Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2002 10:18 AM

My name is James kasanos Jr. the son of the guy you just told was full of shit, well who died and made you the V.A.; with which whom I work for at the Portland Regional office, team 211 I know my fathers case to be true as do many others. I read the e-mail my father originally sent to you and did not see any compulsive hostility of which you speak, that if you took the time instead of judging you would know what he is saying is true, when were you in Vietnam and where? and if you weren't in the vicenity sir then with all due respect your full of to much of your own shit to be telling dieng men suffering on hemodialysis whose injuries where incurred while in the service

and under the direct service of Jack Canada in Cam Rhan Bay in around the months of August/November 1967 that they are full of shit, surely you do not defend such a man maybe you know nothing of what we speak and thats fine but to tell a dieing man whose proven himself to the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs,as a member of the presidential task force and bi-national affairs officer he is full of shit, just makes you another ostrich with his head buried when confronted with the truth and while your at it do your research sir about 1967 and the 458th black marketing, murder, and illegal burial's before you tell anyone that their full of anything especially since many involved at the time in that place are all dieng pre-mature deaths who are you to tell anyone of them to get over it now I was'nt their but that doesn't mean I don't know how to respect a fellow human being.

with respects sir,
James Kasanos Jr.