

B-CS adopts Grenada veteran

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Reporter

A Grenada veteran nearly killed by "friendly fire" saw Bryan and College Station, the towns that "adopted" him after extensive combat injuries, for the first time Wednesday.

Harry Shaw was part of the 82 Airborne Division of the U.S. Army, the elite strike unit

always ready for deployment, that led the invasion of Grenada. After an American naval pilot mistakenly fired on an old barracks where Shaw's division had set up headquarters, Shaw was nearly left for dead by medics.

Several operations to remove shrapnel and 58 units of blood later, Shaw was very much alive, but had lost both his legs. It was then that his commanding offi-

cer, Lt. Ken Stover, wrote a letter to the Bryan-College Station Eagle asking the town to help Shaw through his ordeal. Stover is a Texas A&M graduate and former Corps of Cadets member with close ties to the University and College Station — his father is a University civil engineer, and his brother is a senior cadet this year.

In response to the appeal, citizens of Bryan-College Station

sent cards, letters and packages encouraging Shaw during his recuperation in Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. In December, Gen. Al Jones, commander of the local army reserve unit; Ron Blatchly, the mayor of Bryan; Stover's father, Virgil Stover and other concerned university and town leaders, visited Shaw in his hospital room. Not long after, he was named an honorary citizen and invited to visit the twin cities and the University.

Shaw reflected on the days preceding the Grenada occupation:

"We were deployed just days after the bombing in Beirut — that was a dismal day, hearing about all those marines killed.

"We're always ready to be sent out, but there's always some speculation about what world events are happening, where we may be heading."

Shaw said after his division had entered Grenada, they set up a defense perimeter.

"We didn't see much of the people or the land," he said. "Some of the people had this nasty habit of going into the house and grabbing a weapon and taking a few shots at us."

Shaw said his fellow soldiers told him it was later, after he was injured, that the people's appreciation was evident, and Grenadians walked the streets shouting "God bless America."

After the third day of occupation, his division moved headquarters to a deserted Cuban barracks, and had been there only a few hours when they were hit by air-strike fire from an American plane.

He said the fighter made a second sweep very low, "and then we knew something was up." The fighter was piloted by an American naval flier from the USS Independence, anchored off-shore.

Shaw remembers medics looking at him and saying "he won't make it." But said something inside wouldn't let him give up and die.

"I told them 'don't let me die here,'" he said. "I remember that. Afterwards, a lot of it was kind of a blur 'till I got to San Antonio.

"I'm not bitter about what happened but I would like to know what went on, what went on in his head."

None were killed in the air-strike, but 17 were wounded and one soldier had been in a coma since the accident.

Shaw came to Bryan-College Station to see the area and be honored by the town that "adopted" him. Since arriving Wednesday night, he has appeared on several television and radio talk shows and toured Texas A&M and Bryan-College Station.

Friday is Harry Shaw Day in Bryan. He will be hosted by city and University leaders at a variety of activities. Saturday he will attend the military commissioning and Final Review at Texas A&M.



William Hill, brigade commander of the Army Cadets, escorts Harry Shaw on a tour through the Quad during his visit to Texas A&M.

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Texaco accused of playing games

United Press International
TOPEKA, Kan. — Attorney General Robert Stephan Thursday accused Texaco Inc. of playing games with Kansas officials trying to ensure the competitive role of the Getty refinery at El Dorado, Kan., has in the Midwest.

Stephan responded to a statement by Texaco officials who said Thursday they disagreed with an independent study showing they should guarantee a seven-year supply of crude oil to prospective buyers of the El Dorado refinery to make it a more attractive, less risky venture.

The study, made by Houston energy consultants Wright, Killen and Feldman Inc., was released Tuesday by Stephan and is part of the state's comments filed to the Federal Trade Commission in protest of Texaco's takeover of Getty Oil Co.

Stephan said he was surprised Texaco would dispute the study's findings, especially in light of the company's statements to Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., that it would act as a guarantor of last resort if new buyers were unable to acquire an adequate supply.

Chris Kiersted of Texaco's public relations department in Houston said Texaco was not backing away from its commitment to act as a guarantor of last resort, but did not agree that it must guarantee a seven-year crude supply in order to sell the refinery to a viable operator.

Kiersted said Texaco stands by its commitment to act as guarantor of last resort in "remote or unforeseen event" that Texaco is not able to sell the refinery because prospective buyers are unable to acquire an adequate crude supply.

Philip Blackburn, also Texaco's public relations department, complained that other Stephan nor the company had given Texaco a copy of the consultant's report, despite repeated requests.

"We can only conclude either the data used in the study or the analysis of that data is faulty," Blackburn said. "The fact that we have not been provided a copy of the study suggests the attorney general share our concern that study will not stand up to close scrutiny by oil industry experts."

The FTC, as part of its decision allowing Texaco's \$1 billion merger with Getty, Texaco must sell certain holdings, including the refinery at El Dorado. The holdings would be sold to a third party who would operate them in competition to Texaco in west markets.

Since the FTC order was announced in February, state officials have said that unless amended, the refinery could be forced to close. That would eliminate more than 500 jobs in the El Dorado area and reduce the market for Kansas crude.

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